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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates, in general, to a method of modulating physiological and pathological processes and, in particular, to a method of modulating cellular levels of oxidants and thereby processes in which such oxidants are a participant. The invention also relates to compounds and compositions suitable for use in such methods.

SUBSTITUTED PORPHYRINS

TECHNICAL FIELD

5   The present invention relates, in general, to a
method of modulating physiological and pathological
processes and, in particular, to a method of modulating
cellular levels of oxidants and thereby processes in
which such oxidants are a participant. The invention
10   also relates to compounds and compositions suitable for
use in such methods.

BACKGROUND

15   Oxidants are produced as part of the normal
metabolism of all cells but also are an important
component of the pathogenesis of many disease processes.
Reactive oxygen species, for example, are critical
elements of the pathogenesis of diseases of the lung,
20   the central nervous system and skeletal muscle. Oxygen
free radicals also play a role in modulating the effects
of nitric oxide (NO·). In this context, they contribute
to the pathogenesis of vascular disorders, inflammatory
diseases and the aging process.
25   A critical balance of defensive enzymes against
oxidants is required to maintain normal cell and organ
function. Superoxide dismutases (SODs) are a family of
metalloenzymes that catalyze the intra- and
extracellular conversion of O_2^- into H_2O_2 plus O_2, and

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represent the first line of defense against the
detrimental effects of superoxide radicals. Mammals
produce three distinct SODs. One is a dimeric copper-
and zinc-containing enzyme (CuZn SOD) found in the
5   cytosol of all cells. A second is a tetrameric
manganese-containing SOD (Mn SOD) found within
mitochondria, and the third is a tetrameric,
glycosylated, copper- and zinc-containing enzyme
(EC-SOD) found in the extracellular fluids and bound to
10 the extracellular matrix. Several other important
antioxidant enzymes are known to exist within cells,
including catalase and glutathione peroxidase. While
extracellular fluids and the extracellular matrix
contain only small amounts of these enzymes, other
15 extracellular antioxidants are also known to be present,
including radical scavengers and inhibitors of lipid
peroxidation, such as ascorbic acid, uric acid, and α-
tocopherol (Halliwell et al, Arch. Biochem. Biophys.
280:1 (1990)).
20   The present invention relates generally to low
molecular weight porphyrin compounds suitable for use in
modulating intra- and extracellular processes in which
superoxide radicals, or other oxidants such as hydrogen
peroxide or peroxynitrite, are a participant. The
25 compounds and methods of the invention find application
in various physiologic and pathologic processes in which
oxidative stress plays a role.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a method of
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modulating intra- or extracellular levels of oxidants such as superoxide radicals, hydrogen peroxide, peroxynitrite, lipid peroxides, hydroxyl radicals and thiyl radicals. More particularly, the invention

5   relates to a method of modulating normal or pathological processes involving superoxide radicals, hydrogen peroxide, nitric oxide or peroxynitrite, using low molecular weight antioxidants, and to methine (ie, *meso*) substituted porphyrins suitable for use in such a

10 method. The substituted porphyrins are also expected to have activity as antibacterial and antiviral agents, and as ionophores and chemotherapeutics. Objects and advantages of the present invention will be clear from the description that follows.

15   <u>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS</u>

        Figure 1. Mechanism.

        Figure 2. Manganese *meso*-tetrakis-*N*-alkyl-
pyridinium based porphyrins.

        Figure 3. SOD activity *in vivo* (*E. coli*) of 1, 2,
20 3* and 4* (20 µM) in minimal medium (mixture of
atropoisomers, JI = SOD deficient strain, AB = parental
strain).

        Figure 4. Structures of $MnCl_xTE$-2-PyP^{5+} ($x = 1$ to 4).

Figure 5. ^{1}H-NMR spectrum (porphyrin ring) of H_2Cl_{2a}T-2-PyP in $CDCl_3$ (δ = 7.24 ppm). The four protons in *alpha* position of the four pyridyl nitrogens are taken as integration reference.

5   **Figure 6.** Plot of the free energy of activation ($\Delta G^{\#}$) for the O_2^{-} dismutation reaction catalyzed by $MnCl_x$TE-2-PyP^{5+} as a function of the ground state free energy change (ΔG°) for $MnCl_x$TE-2-PyP^{5+} redox. $\Delta G^{\#}$ and ΔG° were calculated from k_{cat} and $E^{\circ}_{1/2}$ values reported in Table 4 (F, R, h and k_B are Faraday, molar gas, Planck and Boltzmann constants, respectively).

10   Numbers 0-4 correspond to x in $MnCl_x$TE-2-PyP^{5+}.
Corresponding data for one active site of Cu,Zn-SOD (Ellerby et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 118:6556 (1996)).

       Figure 7. Illustrated are the chemical structures of three classes of

15   antioxidants. **A)** The *meso*-porphyrin class is depicted where: R_1 is either a benzoic acid (tetrakis-(4-benzoic acid) porphyrin (TBAP)) or a N-methyl group in the 2 or 4 position of the pyridyl (tetrakis-(N-methyl pyridinium-2(4)-yl) porphyrin (TM-2-PyP, TM-4-PyP)); R_2 is either a hydrogen (H) or a bromide (Br, OBTM-4-PyP) and where the porphyrin is ligated with either a

20   manganese (Mn), cobalt (Co), iron (Fe), or zinc (Zn) metal. **B)** The vitamin E analog class is represented by trolox. **C)** The flavanoid class is represented by rutin.

Figure 8. The time course of iron/ascorbate mediated oxidation of

rat brain homogenates. Rat brain homogenates were incubated for various

times with 0.25 μM FeCl$_2$ and 1 μM ascorbate, and lipid peroxidation was

measured as thiobarbituric acid reactive species (TBARS)

5   spectrophotometrically at 535 nm (n=3).

Figure 9. The comparison of trolox (■), rutin (▲), bovine CuZnSOD

(●), MnOBTM-4-PyP (▼) and MnTM-2-PyP (◆) in their ability to inhibit

iron/ascorbate mediated oxidation of rat brain homogenates. Rat brain

10   homogenates were incubated for 30 minutes with 0.25 μM FeCl$_2$ and 1 μM

ascorbate, and lipid peroxidation was measured as thiobarbituric acid

reactive species. The amount of TBARS formed in 30 minutes was

expressed as 100% lipid peroxidation (n=3-6). Sigmoidal dose response

curves were derived from fitting the data to a non-linear regression

15   program.

Figure 10. The comparison of manganic (▲), cobalt (●), iron (▼)

and zinc (■) analogs of TBAP in their ability to inhibit iron/ascorbate

mediated oxidation of rat brain homogenates. Rat brain homogenates were

20   incubated for 30 minutes with 0.25 μM FeCl$_2$ and 1 μM ascorbate, and lipid

peroxidation was measured as thiobarbituric acid reactive species. The

amount of TBARS formed in 30 minutes was expressed as 100% lipid

-peroxidation (n=3-6). Sigmoidal dose response curves were derived from

fitting the data to a non-linear regression program.

5   **Figure 11.** The comparison of manganic (solid) and zinc (open)

analogs of TM-4-PyP (squares) and TM-2-PyP (triangles) in their ability to

inhibit iron/ascorbate mediated oxidation of rat brain homogenates. Rat

brain homogenates were incubated for 30 minutes with 0.25 μM FeCl$_2$ and

1 μM ascorbate, and lipid peroxidation was measured as thiobarbituric acid

10   reactive species. The amount of TBARS formed in 30 minutes was

expressed as 100% lipid peroxidation (n=3-6). Sigmoidal dose response

curves were derived from fitting the data to a non-linear regression

program.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

15   The present invention relates to methods of
protecting against the deleterious effects of oxidants,
particularly, superoxide radicals, hydrogen peroxide and
peroxynitrite, and to methods of preventing and treating
diseases and disorders that involve or result from
20   oxidant stress. The invention also relates methods of
modulating biological processes involving oxidants,
including superoxide radicals, hydrogen peroxide, nitric

oxide and peroxynitrite. The invention further relates
to compounds and compositions, including low molecular
weight antioxidants (eg mimetics of scavengers of
reactive oxygen species, including mimetics of SODs,
5   catalases and peroxidases) and formulations thereof,
suitable for use in such methods.

Mimetics of scavengers of reactive oxygen species
appropriate for use in the present methods include
methine (ie *meso*) substituted porphines, or
10   pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. The
invention includes both metal-free and metal-bound
porphines. In the case of metal-bound porphines,
manganic derivatives of methine (*meso*) substituted
porphines are preferred, however, metals other than
15   manganese, such as iron (II or III), copper (I or II),
cobalt (II or III), or nickel (I or II), can also be
used. It will be appreciated that the metal selected
can have various valence states, for example, manganese
II, III or V can be used. Zinc (II) can also be used
20   even though it does not undergo a valence change and
therefore will not directly scavenge superoxide. The
choice of the metal can affect selectivity of the oxygen
species that is scavenged. Iron-bound porphines, for
example, can be used to scavenge NO· while manganese-
25   bound porphines cannot. These metal bound porphines
scavenge peroxynitrite; iron, nickel and cobalt bound
porphines tend to have the highest reactivity with
peroxynitrite.

Preferred mimetics of the invention are of
30   Formula I or II:

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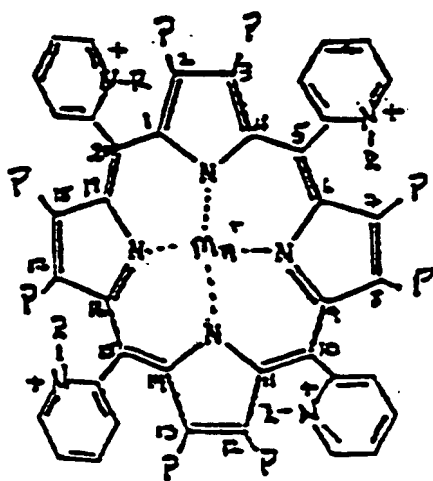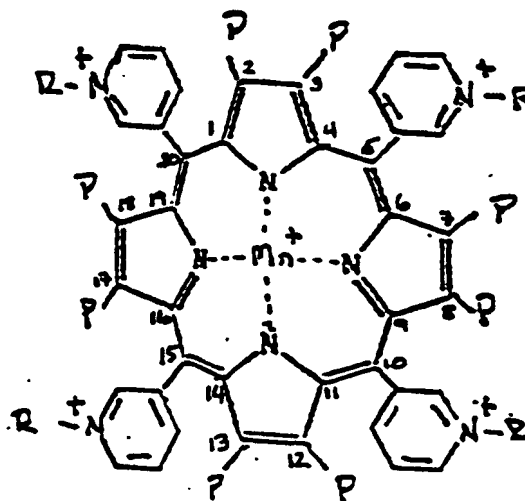
Formula I .   Formula II

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
wherein R is C_1-C_8 alkyl, preferably, C_1-C_4 alkyl, more
preferably, methyl, ethyl or isopropyl, most preferably
methyl. This mimetic can also be present metal-free or
bound to a metal other than Mn. All atropoisomers of
the above are within the scope of the invention, present
in isolated form or as a mixture of at least two.
Atropoisomers wherein at least 3, preferably 4, of the R
groups are above the porphyrin ring plane can be
particularly advantageous.

One or more of the pyrrole rings of the porphyrin
of Formula I or II can be substituted at any or all beta
carbons, ie: 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17 or 18. Such
substituents, designated P, can be an electron
withdrawing group, for example, each P can,
independently, be a NO_2 group, a halogen (eg Cl, Br or
F), a nitrile, a vinyl group, or a formyl group. For
example, there can be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 halogen

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(eg Br) substituents (when there are less than 8 halogen
substituents, the remaining P's are advantageously
hydrogen). Such substituents alter the redox potential
of the porphyrin and thus enhance its ability to
5   scavenge oxygen radicals. Each P can, independently,
also be hydrogen. When P is formyl, it is preferred that
there be not more than 2 (on non adjacent carbons), more
preferably 1, the remaining P's being hydrogen. When P
is NO_2, it is preferred that there be not more than 4
10   (on non adjacent carbons), more preferably 1 or 2, the
remaining P's being hydrogen.

Mimetics suitable for use in the present methods
can be selected by assaying for SOD, catalase and/or
peroxidase activity and stability. Mimetics can also be
15   screened for their ability to inhibit lipid peroxidation
in tissue homogenates using iron and ascorbate to
initiate the lipid peroxidation and measuring the
formation of thiobarbituric acid reactive species
(TBARS) (Ohkawa et al, Anal. Biochem. 95:351 (1979) and
20   Yue et al, J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther. 263:92 (1992)). The
selective, reversible and SOD-sensitive inactivation of
aconitase by known O_2^- generators can be used as a
marker of intracellular O_2^- generation. Thus, suitable
mimetics can be selected by assaying for the ability to
25   protect aconitase activity.

SOD activity can be monitored in the presence and
absence of EDTA using the method of McCord and Fridovich
(J. Biol. Chem. 244:6049 (1969)). The efficacy of a
mimetic can also be determined by measuring the effect
30   of the mimetic on the aerobic growth of a SOD null _E._

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coli strain versus a parental strain lacking the specific mutations. Specifically, parental *E. coli* (AB1157) and SOD null *E. coli.* (JI132) can be grown in M9 medium containing 0.2% casamino acids and 0.2%

5   glucose at pH 7.0 and 37°C; growth can be monitored in terms of turbidity followed at 700 nm. This assay can be made more selective for SOD mimetics by omitting the branched chain, aromatic and sulphur containing amino acids from the medium (glucose minimal medium (M9), plus

10 5 essential amino acids) (see Example V).

Efficacy of active mimetics can also be assessed by determining their ability to protect mammalian cells against methylviologen (paraquat)-induced toxicity. Specifically, rat L2 cells grown as described below and

15 seeded into 24 well dishes can be pre-incubated with various concentrations of the SOD mimetic and then incubated with a concentration of methylviologen previously shown to produce an LC_{75} in control L2 cells. Efficacy of the mimetic can be correlated with a

20 decrease in the methylviologen-induced LDH release (St. Clair et al, FEBS Lett. 293:199 (1991)).

The efficacy of SOD mimetics can be tested *in vivo* with mouse and/or rat models using both aerosol administration and parenteral injection. For example,

25 male Balb/c mice can be randomized into 4 groups of 8 mice each to form a standard 2X2 contingency statistical model. Animals can be treated with either paraquat (40 mg/kg, ip) or saline and treated with SOD mimetic or vehicle control. Lung injury can be assessed 48 hours

30 after paraquat treatment by analysis of bronchoalveolar

lavage fluid (BALF) damage parameters (LDH, protein and
% PMN) as previously described (Hampson et al, Tox.
Appl. Pharm. 98:206 (1989); Day et al, J. Pharm. Methods
24:1 (1990)). Lungs from 2 mice of each group can be
5   instillation-fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde and
processed for histopathology at the light microscopic
level.

Catalase activity can be monitored by measuring
absorbance at 240nm in the presence of hydrogen peroxide
10   (see Beers and Sizer, J. Biol. Chem. 195:133 (1952)) or
by measuring oxygen evolution with a Clark oxygen
electrode (Del Rio et al, Anal. Biochem. 80:409 (1977)).
Peroxidase activity can be measured
spectrophotometrically as previously described by Putter
15   and Becker: Peroxidases. In: Methods of Enzymatic
Analysis, H.U. Bergmeyer (ed.), Verlag Chemie, Weinheim,
pp. 286-292 (1983). Aconitase activity can be measured
as described by Gardner and Fridovich (J. Biol. Chem.
266:19328 (1991)). The ability of mimetics to inhibit
20   lipid peroxidation is assessed as described by Ohkawa et
al (Anal. Biochem. 95:351 (1979)) and Yue et al (J.
Pharmacol. Exp. Ther. 263:92 (1992)).

Active mimetics can be tested for toxicity in
mammalian cell culture by measuring lactate
25   dehydrogenase (LDH) release. Specifically, rat L2 cells
(a lung Type II like cell; (Kaighn and Douglas, J. Cell
Biol. 59:160a (1973)) can be grown in Ham's F-12 medium
with 10% fetal calf serum supplement at pH 7.4 and 37°C;
cells can be seeded at equal densities in 24 well
30   culture dishes and grown to approximately 90%

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confluence; SOD mimetics can be added to the cells at
_log doses (eg micromolar doses in minimal essential
medium (MEM)) and incubated for 24 hours. Toxicity can
be assessed by morphology and by measuring the release
5   of the cytosolic injury marker, LDH (eg on a
thermokinetic plate reader), as described by Vassault
(In: Methods of Enzymatic Analysis, Bergmeyer (ed)
pp. 118-26 (1983); oxidation of NADH is measured at
340 nm).

10   Synthesis of mimetics suitable for use in the
present method can be effected using art-recognized
protocols (see also Examples I, II, III and IV and
Sastry et al, Anal. Chem. 41:857 (1969), Pasternack et
al, Biochem. 22:2406 (1983); Richards et al, Inorg.
15   Chem. 35:1940 (1996) and U.S. Appln. No. 08/663,028,
particularly the details therein relating to syntheses).
Separation of atropoisomers can be effected using a
variety of techniques.
        One specific embodiment of the present invention
20   relates to a method of regulating NO· levels by
targeting the above-described porphines to strategic
locations. NO· is an intercellular signal and, as such,
NO· must traverse the extracellular matrix to exert its
effects. NO·, however, is highly sensitive to
25   inactivation mediated by O_2^- present in the
extracellular spaces. The methine (meso) substituted
porphyrins of the invention can increase bioavalability
of NO· by preventing its degradation by O_2^- .
        In a further embodiment, the mimetics of the

invention are used as catalytic scavengers of reactive
oxygen species to protect against ischemia reperfusion
injuries associated with myocardial infarction, stroke,
acute head trauma, organ reperfusion following

5   transplantation, bowel ischemia, hemorrhagic shock,
pulmonary infarction, surgical occlusion of blood flow,
and soft tissue injury. The mimetics can further be
used to protect against skeletal muscle reperfusion
injuries. The mimetics can also be used to protect

10   against damage to the eye due to sunlight (and to the
skin) as well as glaucoma, and macular degeneration in
the eye. The mimetics can also be used to protect
against and/or treat cataracts. The mimetics can also
be used to protect against and/or treat inflammatory

15   diseases of the skin (e.g., psoriasis). Diseases of the
bone are also amenable to treatment with the mimetics.
Further, connective tissue disorders associated with
defects in collagen synthesis or degradation can be
expected to be susceptible to treatment with the present

20   mimetics, as should the generalized deficits of aging.
        In yet another embodiment, the mimetics of the
invention can be used as catalytic scavengers of
reactive oxygen species to increase the very limited
storage viability of transplanted hearts, kidneys, skin

25   and other organs and tissues. The invention also
provides methods of inhibiting damage due to
autoxidation of substances resulting in the formation of
O_2^- including food products, pharmaceuticals, stored
blood, etc. To effect this end, the mimetics of the

30   invention are added to food products, pharmaceuticals,

stored blood and the like, in an amount sufficient to
_inhibit or prevent oxidation damage and thereby to
inhibit or prevent the degradation associated with the
autoxidation reactions. (For other uses of the mimetics
5   of the invention, see USP 5,227,405). The amount of
mimetic to be used in a particular treatment or to be
associated with a particular substance can be determined
by one skilled in the art.

In yet another embodiment, the mimetics of the
10   invention can be used to scavenge hydrogen peroxide and
thus protect against formation of the highly reactive
hydroxyl radical by interfering with Fenton chemistry
(Aruoma and Halliwell, Biochem. J. 241:273 (1987); Mello
Filho et al, Biochem. J. 218:273 (1984); Rush and
15   Bielski, J. Phys. Chem. 89:5062 (1985)). The mimetics
of the invention may also be used to scavenge
peroxynitrite, as demonstrated indirectly by inhibition
of the oxidation of dihydrorhodamine 123 to rhodamine
123 and directly by accelerating peroxynitrite
20   degradation by stop flow analysis.

Further examples of specific diseases/disorders
appropriate for treatment using the mimetics of the
present invention include diseases of the central
nervous system (including AIDS dementia, stroke,
25   amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Parkinson's disease
and Huntington's disease) and diseases of the
musculature (including diaphramic diseases (eg
respiratory fatigue in emphysema, bronchitis and cystic
fibrosis), cardiac fatigue of congestive heart failure,
30   muscle weakness syndromes associated with myopathies,

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ALS and multiple sclerosis). Many neurologic disorders
(including stroke, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's
disease, ALS, Alzheimer's and AIDS dementia) are
associated with an over stimulation of the major subtype
5   of glutamate receptor, the NMDA (or N-methyl-D-
aspartate) subtype. On stimulation of the NMDA
receptor, excessive neuronal calcium concentrations
contribute to a series of membrane and cytoplasmic
events leading to production of oxygen free radicals and
10   nitric oxide (NO·). Interactions between oxygen free
radicals and NO· have been shown to contribute to
neuronal cell death. Well-established neuronal cortical
culture models of NMDA-toxicity have been developed and
used as the basis for drug development. In these same
15   systems, the mimetics of the present invention inhibit
NMDA-induced injury. The formation of O^-_2 radicals is
an obligate step in the intracellular events culminating
in excitotoxic death of cortical neurons and further
demonstrate that the mimetics of the invention can be
20   used to scavenge O^-_2 radicals and thereby serve as
protectants against excitotoxic injury.

The present invention also relates to methods of
treating AIDS. The NfKappa B promoter is used by the
HIV virus for replication. This promoter is redox
25   sensitive, therefore, an antioxidant can regulate this
process. This has been previously shown for two
metalloporphyrins distinct from those of the present
invention (Song et al, Antiviral Chem. And Chemother.
8:85 (1997)). The invention also relates to methods of
30   treating arthritis, systemic hypertension,

atherosclerosis, edema, septic shock, pulmonary
hypertension, including primary pulmonary hypertension,
impotence, MED, infertility, endometriosis, premature
uterine contractions, microbial infections, gout and in
5   the treatment of Type I and Type II diabetes mellitus.
The mimetics of the invention can be used to ameliorate
the toxic effects associated with endotoxin, for
example, by preserving vascular tone and preventing
multi-organ system damage.

10   Inflammations, particularly inflammations of the
lung, are amenable to treatment using the present
invention (note particularly the inflammatory based
disorders of asthma, ARDS including oxygen toxicity,
pneumonia (especially AIDS-related pneumonia), cystic
15   fibrosis, chronic sinusitis and autoimmune diseases
(such as rheumatoid arthritis)). EC-SOD is localized in
the interstitial spaces surrounding airways and
vasculature smooth muscle cells. EC-SOD and O_2^- mediate
the antiinflammatory - proinflammatory balance in the
20   alveolar septum. NO· released by alveolar septal cells
acts to suppress inflammation unless it reacts with O_2^-
to form $ONOO^-$. By scavenging O_2^-, EC-SOD tips the
balance in the alveolar septum against inflammation.
Significant amounts of $ONOO^-$ will form only when EC-SOD
25   is deficient or when there is greatly increased O_2^-
release. Mimetics described herein can be used to
protect against destruction caused by hyperoxia.
        The invention further relates to methods of
treating memory disorders. It is believed that nitric

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oxide is a neurotransmitter involved in long-term memory potentiation. Using an EC-SOD knocked-out mouse model (Carlsson et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 92:6264 (1995)), it can be shown that learning impairment

5   correlates with reduced superoxide scavenging in extracellular spaces of the brain. Reduced scavenging results in higher extracellular O_2^- levels. O_2^- is believed to react with nitric oxide thereby preventing or inhibiting nitric oxide-medicated neurotransmission

10   and thus long-term memory potentiation. The mimetics of the invention can be used to treat dementias and memory/learning disorders.

     The availability of the mimetics of the invention also makes possible studies of processes mediated by

15   O_2^-, hydrogen peroxide, nitric oxide and peroxynitrite.

     The mimetics described above can be formulated into pharmaceutical compositions suitable for use in the present methods. Such compositions include the active agent (mimetic) together with a pharmaceutically

20   acceptable carrier, excipient or diluent. The composition can be present in dosage unit form for example, tablets, capsules or suppositories. The composition can also be in the form of a sterile solution suitable for injection or nebulization.

25   Compositions can also be in a form suitable for opthalmic use. The invention also includes compositions formulated for topical administration, such compositions taking the form, for example, of a lotion, cream, gel or ointment. The concentration of active agent to be

30   included in the composition can be selected based on the

nature of the agent, the dosage regimen and the result
sought.

The dosage of the composition of the invention to
be administered can be determined without undue

5   experimentation and will be dependent upon various
factors including the nature of the active agent, the
route of administration, the patient, and the result
sought to be achieved. A suitable dosage of mimetic to
be administered, for example, IV or topically, can be

10   expected to be in the range of about 0.01 to 100
mg/kg/day, preferably 0.1 to 10 mg/kg/day. For aerosol
administration, it is expected that doses will be in the
range of 0.01 to 1.0 mg/kg/day. Suitable doses of
mimetics will vary, for example, with the mimetic and

15   with the result sought. The results of Faulkner et al
(J. Biol. Chem. 269:23471 (1994)) indicate that the *in
vivo* oxidoreductase activity of the mimetics is such
that a pharmaceutically effective dose will be low
enough to avoid problems of toxicity. Doses that can be

20   used include those in the range of 1 to 50 mg/kg.

Certain aspects of the present invention will be
described in greater detail in the non-limiting Examples
that follow.

25   EXAMPLES

The following chemicals were utilized in Examples
I-V that follow.

The chloride salts of *ortho* and *meta* metal-free

30   ligands (H_2TM-2-$PyPCl_5$ and H_2TM-3-$PyPCl_5$) were purchased

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from MidCentury Chemicals, and the tosylate salts of the *para* metal-free ligand $H_2TM-4-PyP(CH_5PhSO_3)_5$) were purchased from Porphyrin Products. The purity was checked in terms of elemental analysis and spectral

5   properties, ie, molar absorptivities and corresponding wave-length of the Soret bands. The Soret band properties of metal-free ligands were $\epsilon_{413.3nm} = 2.16 \times 10^5 M^{-1}cm^{-1}$ ($H_2TM-2-PyPCl_4$), $\epsilon_{416.6nm} = 3.18 \times 10^5 M^{-1}cm^{-1}$ ($H_2TM-3-PyPCl_4$), $\epsilon_{422.0nm} = 2.35 \times 10^5 M^{-1}cm^{-1}$ (H_2TM-

10   $4-PyPCl_4$). The non-methylated *ortho* metal-free ligand ($H_2T-2-PyP$) was bought from MidCentury Chemicals and the purity checked in terms of elemental analysis (see below). Iodoethane, 1-iodobutane, anhydrous manganese chloride ($MnCl_2$), $MnCl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$, tetrabutylammonium

15   chloride (TBA) and ammonium hexafluorophosphate (PF_6NH_4) were purchased from Aldrich.

                              EXAMPLE I

          Synthesis of *meso*-tetrakis-(*N*-methylpyridinium-
          2-yl)porphyrin and *meso*-tetrakis-(*N*-methylpyridinium-
20   3-yl)porphyrin

          Metal-free porphyrins *meso*-tetrakis-(2-
     pyridyl)porphyrin ($H_2T-2-PyP$) and *meso*-tetrakis-(3-
     pyridyl)porphyrin ($H_2T-3-PyP$) were synthesized via
     Rothmund condensation with use of a modified Adler

25   procedure (Kalyanasundaram, Inorg. Chem. 23:2453 (1984);
     (Torrens et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 94:4160 (1972)). Into
     a 100 mL refluxing solution of propionic acid were

slowly injected equimolar amounts of freshly distilled
pyrrole and pyridine-2- or pyridine-3-carboxyladehyde,
and the solution was allowed to reflux for about 45 min,
after which the propionic acid was distilled off. The
5   black residues were neutralized with NaOH, washed with
methanol, dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (dichloromethane) and
chromotographed on a neutral Woelm alumina column
prepared with acetone. After elution of a pale blue
fraction, H_2TPyP was eluted with the use of CH_2Cl_2
10   containing 5-10% of pyridine. Shiny dark purple
crystals were recovered from the dark red eluant after
removal of solvents on rotavaporator. Methylation of
H_2TPyPs was carried using the excess of methyl-p-
toluensulfonate in refluxing chloroform
15   (Kalyanasundaram, Inorg. Chem. 23:2453 (1984);
(Hambright et al, Inorg. Chem. 15:2314 (1976)). Both of
the alkylated porphyrins spontaneously precipitated from
hot chloroform solutions and were washed with ether and
air dried.

20   EXAMPLE II

Preparation of Manganese Complexes of *Ortho*,
Meta and *Para* Isomers of H_2TMPyP^{4+}

25   The metallation was performed in water at room
temperature. The porphyrin to metal ratio was 1:5 in
the case of *meta* and *ortho* isomers and 1:14 in the case
of *para* isomer. The solid $MnCl_2$ x 4 H_2O (Aldrich) was
added to the aqueous metal-free porphyrins after the pH

of the solution was brought to ~pH=10.2. The
metallation was completed inside an hour in the cases of
all three isomers. For the preparation of *ortho* and
meta compounds, MnTM-2-PyP^{5+} and MnTM-3-PyP^{5+}, 300 mg of
5   the metal-free ligand, either H$_2$TM-2-PyP^{4+} or H$_2$TM-3-
PyP^{4+}, was dissolved in 100 mL water, pH brought to 10.2
with several drops of 1M NaOH, followed by the addition
of 340 mg of MnCl$_2$. The metallation was followed
spectrally through the disappearance of the Soret band
10   of H$_2$TM-2-PyP^{4+} or H$_2$TM-3-PyP^{4+} at 413.3 nm or 416.6 nm,
respectively, and the appearance of the Soret bands of
manganese complexes at 454.1 nm and 459.8 nm,
respectively.

The excess of metal was eliminated as follows for
15   all three (*ortho, meta* and *para*) isomers of MnTMPyP^{5+}.
The MnTMPyP^{5+} was precipitated as PF$_6^-$ salt by adding 50-
fold excess of NH$_4$PF$_6$. The precipitate was washed with
2-propanol:diethylether=1:1, and dried in vacuum at room
temperature. Dry PF$_6^-$ salt of MnTMPyP^{5-} was then
20   dissolved in acetone (370 mg in 100 mL acetone) and 1 g
of tetrabutylammonium chloride added. The precipitate
was washed with acetone and dried overnight in vacuum at
room temperature. In order to obtain a pure compound,
the procedure was repeated. The elemental analysis was
25   done for all metallated isomers. The compounds were
analyzed in spectral terms and the following data were
obtained: Soret bands properties of metallated
compounds were: $\varepsilon_{454.1nm}$ = 12.3 x 10^4 cm^{-1} M^{-1} (MnTM-2-

PyPCl$_5$), $\epsilon_{459.8nm}$ = 13.3 x 10^4 cm^{-1} M^{-1} (MnTM-3-PyPCl$_5$),

$\epsilon_{462.2nm}$ = 13.9 x 10^4 cm^{-1} M^{-1} (MnTM-4-PyPCl$_5$).

Metallation was performed in methanol as well. In addition, when performed in water, the metal:ligand ratio varied from 1:5, to 1:14 to 1:100. Under all conditions, the given molar absorptivities were obtained. The calculations were based on the metal-free ligands that were analyzed prior to metallation. The molar absorptivities of the metal-free ligands were consistent with literature as well as their elemental analyses.

The elemental analyses of MnTM2-PyPCl$_5$ and MnTM-3-PyPCl$_5$ are shown in Table 1.

Table 1

	C*	H*	N*
MnTM2-PyPCl$_5$.6 H$_2$O	52.99(52.90)	4.85(4.64)	11.22(11.21)
MnTM-3-PyPCl$_5$.3 H$_2$O	55.41(54.87)	4.97(4.40)	11.10(11.69)

*Found (calcd).

EXAMPLE III

Synthesis of manganic *meso*-tetrakis-
(N-ethylpyridinium-2-yl)porphyrin

50 mg of H_2T-2-PyP was dissolved in 30 mL of anhydrous dimethylformamide (DMF) and the solution was stirred and heated at 100°C. 20 mg of anhydrous $MnCl_2$ (20 eq) were added and the solution stirred for 3 days.

5 The completion of the metallation was checked by UV spectroscopy. Upon metallation, the temperature was decreased to 60°C, 0.65 mL of iodoethane (100 eq) was added, and the solution was stirred for 7 days (Perree-Fauvet et al, Tetrahedron 52:13569 (1996)). DMF was

10 evaporated, 10 mL of acetone was added, and the product was precipitated adding 20 mL of a solution of TBA in acetone (0.45 M); indeed, contrary to the iodide salt, the chloride salt precipitates in acetone. The product was purified using the "double precipitation" method, as

15 described above. The product was dried overnight in vacuum, over P_2O_5, at 70°C, leading to 125 mg (95%) of a dark purple solid. UV (H_2O), $\epsilon_{454.0nm} = 1.41 \times 10^5$ $M^{-1}cm^{-1}$. Elemental analysis, calcd. for $MnC_{48}N_8H_{44}Cl_5.5H_2O$: C (54.64), H (5.16), N (10.62);

20 found: C (54.55), H (5.36), N (10.88).

EXAMPLE IV

Synthesis of manganic *meso*-tetrakis-
(N-butylpyridinium-2-yl)porphyrin

25 The same procedure described above was used. 0.92 mL of 1-iodobutane (100 eq) was added and the mixture stirred at 100°C for 7 days. Drying of the

chloride salt resulted in 70 mg (50%) of a dark purple
viscous product. The elemental analysis was thus
performed on the hexafluorophosphate salt (non-viscous).
The chlorine salt is water-soluble (micelles were not

5   observed). UV(H_2O) of the chloride salt, $\epsilon_{454.0}$

1.21 x $10^5 M^{-1} cm^{-1}$. Elemental analysis, calcd. For
$MnC_{56}H_{60}N_8P_5F_{30} \cdot H_2O$: C(40.94), H(3.80), N(6.82); found:
C(41.15), H(4.35), N(6.52).

                    EXAMPLE V

10   The *ortho* effect makes manganic *meso*-tetrakis-
                (*N*-alkylpyridinium-2-yl)-porphyrin a
              powerful superoxide dismutase mimic

         The superoxide dismutase activity of the mimetics
15 of the invention depends on a number of factors,
including thermodynamic factors (eg the metal-centered
redox-potential see Fig. 1)), and kinetic factors (eg
electrostatic facilitation). In an *in vitro* enzymatic
assay of SOD activity (see McCord and Fridovich, J.
20 Biol. Chem. 244:6049 (1969)); the *ortho* compound "3"
proves to be more than an order of magnitude more active
than the *para* compound "1" (see Fig. 2 (note also Table
2 where "2" is the meta compound and "4" and "5" are
ortho compounds that carry 4 ethyl or 4 butyl groups,
25 respectively)).

         The activity *in vivo* of the mimetics of the
invention can be tested on an *E. coli* strain deleted of
the genes coding for both the MnSOD and FeSOD. In this

assay, the efficacy of a mimetic is determined by
measuring the effect of the mimetic on the aerobic
growth of a SOD null _E. coli_ strain versus a parental
strain. Specifically, parental _E. coli_ (AB1157) and SOD
5   null _E. coli_. (JI132) are grown in M9 medium containing
0.2% casamino acids and 0.2% glucose at pH 7.0 and 37°C;
growth is monitored in terms of turbidity followed at
700 nm. This assay is made more selective for SOD
mimetics by omitting the branched chain, aromatic and
10 sulphur containing amino acids from the medium (glucose
minimal medium (M9), plus 5 essential amino acids). As
shown in Fig. 3, the increase in activity by the "_ortho_
effect" was confirmed in that, under these growth
conditions, SOD null cells cultured in the presence of
15 compound "1" did not show an increase in A_{700} while such
cells cultured in the presence of compounds "3" and "4"
(as well as "2") did.

   The "_ortho_ effect" also decreases the toxicity. It
is well known that porphyrins, and particularly cationic
20 porphyrins, interact with DNA and can act as DNA
cleavers. This fact can be an issue in the use of
metallo-porphyrins as anti-tumor drugs. The present
mimetics avoid this interaction. In addition to the
increase in activity, the interaction with DNA of the
25 _meta_ "2" and the _ortho_ "3" compounds, is greatly
decreased. This is clearly demonstrated by the
measurements of the SOD activity _in vitro_ in the
presence of DNA (see Table 2), and by the decreased
toxicity _in vivo_ (_E. coli_)(see Fig. 3).

In order to maximize the decrease in toxicity due
to interaction with DNA, two derivatives of the *ortho*
compound have been prepared which carry four ethyl or
four butyl groups ("4" and "5", respectively). The
5 ethyl derivative "4" was significantly less toxic than
the methyl derivative "3" (see Table 2 and Fig. 3).
However, in comparison to the ethylated derivative "4",
the butylated derivative did not show a further decrease
in toxicity (see Table 2). These data indicate that
10 ortho ethyl groups are sufficient to inhibit binding of
the porphyrin to DNA.

Table 2

	δ_{SB} (nm)	ε (10³)	$E_{1/2}$ (V)	k_{cat} (M⁻¹s⁻¹)	DNA-IC₅₀
1	462.2	139	+0.060	$3.8\ 10^6$	$7.0\ 10^{-6}$
2	459.8	133	+0.042	$4.1\ 10^6$	$2.2\ 10^{-5}$
3*	454.0	123		$4.5\ 10^7$	$3.3\ 10^{-5}$
4*	454.0	141		$4.5\ 10^7$	$6.7\ 10^{-5}$
5*	454.0	120		$3.0\ 10^7$	$6.7\ 10^{-5}$

Table. UV parameters, redox potential (*vs* NHE), SOD like activity and DNA interaction parameters of 1, 2, 3 and
its atropisomers, 4 and 5 (*mixture of atropisomers, δ_{SB} = Soret band wave-lenght, ε = molecular absortivity of the
Soret band, $E_{1/2}$ = one-electron metal-centered redox-potential, k_{cat} = rate constant for the superoxide dismutation
reaction, DNA-IC₅₀ =concentration of DNA for 50% inhibition of the superoxide dismutation reaction).

EXAMPLE VI

Syntheses and Superoxide Dismutating Activities of

Partially (1 to 4) β-Chlorinated Derivatives of Manganese (III) Meso-tetrakis-

(N-ethylpyridinium-2-yl)-Porphyrin

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Materials and Methods

Materials. 5,19,15,20-Tetrakis-(2-pyridyl)-porphyrin (H$_2$T-2-PyP) was

purchased from Mid-Century chemicals (Posen, IL) (Torrens et al, J. Am. Chem.

10   Soc. 94:4160 (1972)). *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (NCS), ethyl-*p*-toluenesulfonate

(ETS),   tetrabutylammonium   chloride   (98%)   (TBAC),   ammonium

hexafluorophosphate (NH$_4$PF$_6$), manganese chloride, sodium L-ascorbate (99%),

cytochrome   *c*,   xanthine,   ethylenedinitrilotetraacetic   acid   (EDTA),   *N,N*-

dimethylformamide (98.8%, anhydrous) and 2-propanol (99.5%) were from Sigma-

15   Aldrich. Ethanol (absolute), acetone, ethyl ether (anhydrous), chloroform and

dichloromethane (HPLC grade) were from Mallinckrodt, and used without further

purification. Xanthine oxidase was supplied by R.D. Wiley (Waud et al, Arch.

Biochem. Biophys. 19:695 (1975)). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) plates

(Baker-flex silica gel IB) were from J.T. Baker (Phillipsburg, NJ). Wakogel C-300

20   was from Wako Pure Industry Chemicals, Inc (Richmond, VA).

Instrumentation. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (^{1}H-NMR) spectra

were recorded on a Varian Inova 400 spectrometer. Ultravisible/visible (UV/VIS)

spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu spectrophotometer Model UV-260. Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization - time of flight - (MALDI-TOFMS) and electrospray/ionization (ESMS) mass spectrometry were performed on a Bruker Proflex III™ and a Fisons Instruments VG Bio-Q triple quadrupole spectrometers, respectively.

H_2Cl_1T-2-PyP. 50 mg (8.1×10^{-5} moles) of H_2T-2-PyP was refluxed in chloroform with 43 mg (3.22×10^{-4} moles) of NCS (Ochsenbein et al, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl. 33:348 (1994). The reaction was followed by normal phase silica TLC using a mixture EtOH/CH_2Cl_2 (5:95) as eluant. After 6 hours of reaction the solution was washed once with distilled water. The chloroform was evaporated and the products of the reaction were chromatographed over 100 g of Wakogel C-300 on a 2.5 x 50 cm column using the same eluant. The fraction corresponding to H_2Cl_1T-2-PyP was purified again using the same system leading to 16 mg of a black purple solid (30%). TLC: R_f = 0.47. UV/VIS (CHCl$_3$): λ_{nm} (logε) 419.6 (5.44), 515.2 (4.21), 590.0 (3.72), 645.8 (3.25). MALDI-TOFMS: m/z = 654 (M+H$^+$). ^{1}H-NMR (CDCl$_3$): δ_{ppm} - 2.91 (2H, NH); 7.66-7.74 (m, 4H); 7.99-8.21 (m, 8H); 7.68 (s, 1H); 8.74 (d, 1H, J 6Hz); 8.76 (d, 1H, J 6Hz); 8.76 (d, 1H, J 6Hz); 8.88 (d, 1H, J 6Hz); 8.90 (d, 1H, J 6Hz); 8.94 (d, 1H, J 6Hz); 9.04-9.14 (m, 4H).

$H_2Cl_{2a}T$-2-PyP. The same procedure as described above, leading to 5.3 mg of a black purple solid (10%). TLC: R_f = 0.50. UV/VIS (CHCl$_3$): λ_{nm} (logε) 421.4

(5.38), 517.8 (4.21), 591.4 (3.78), 647.6 (3.51).   MALDI-TOFMS: m/z = 688

(M+H$^+$). ^{1}H-NMR (CDCl$_3$): δ_{ppm} - 2.98 (2H, NH); 7.66-7.74 (m, 4H); 8.00-8.20 (m,

8H); 8.70 (s, 2H); 8.82 (d, 2H, J 6Hz); 8.91 (d, 2H, J 6Hz); 9.06-9.14 (m, 4H).

H$_2$Cl$_{2b+2c}$T-2-PyP.   The same procedure leading to 11 mg of a black purple

5   solid (20%).   TLC: R_f = 0.53.   UV/VIS (CHCl$_3$): λ_{nm} (logε) 421.4 (5.42), 516.8

(4.25), 593.2 (3.74), 646.2 (3.31); MALDI-TOFMS, m/z = 688 (M+H$^+$). ^{1}H-NMR

(CDCl$_3$): δ_{ppm} - 3.04 (2H, NH); - 2.84 (1H, NH); - 2.87 (1H, NH); 7.66-7.74 (m,

8H); 7.98-8.20 (m, 16H); 8.59 (s, 1H); 8.61 (s, 1H); 8.73 (d, 2H, J < 2Hz); 8.78 (d,

2H, J 6Hz); 8.87 (d, 2H, J 6Hz); 8.93 (d, 2H, J < 2Hz); 9.02-9.14 (m, 8H).

10   H$_2$Cl$_3$T-2-PyP.   The same procedure using 65 mg (4.87 x 10^{-4} moles) of

NCS, leading to 8.4 mg of a black purple solid (14%).   TLC: R_f = 0.55.   UV/VIS

(CHCl$_3$): λ_{nm} (logε) 422.8 (5.37), 519.4 (4.21), 593.8 (3.71), 651.4 (3.37).   MALDI-

TOFMS: m/z = 723 (M+H$^+$). ^{1}H-NMR (CDCl$_3$): δ_{ppm} - 3.08 (1H, NH); - 3.15 (1H,

NH); 7.66-7.74 (m, 4H); 8.00-8.18 (m, 8H); 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.72 (d, 1H, J 6Hz); 8.76

15   (d, 1H, J 6Hz); 8.82 (d, 1H, J 6Hz); 8.88 (d, 1H, J 6Hz); 9.04-9.14 (m, 4H).

H$_2$Cl$_4$T-2-PyP.   The same procedure using 65 mg (4.87 x 10^{-4} moles) of

NCS, leading to 7.3 mg of a black purple solid (12%).   TLC: R_f = 0.58.   UV/VIS

(CHCl$_3$): λ_{nm} (logε) 423.4 (5.33), 520.0 (4.19), 595.6 (3.66), 651.0 (3.33).   MALDI-

TOFMS: m/z = 758 (M+H$^+$). ^{1}H-NMR (CDCl$_3$): δ_{ppm} - 3.14 (2H, NH); 7.66-7.74 (m,

20   4H); 7.98-8.16 (m, 8H); 8.74 (d, 4H, J < 2Hz); 9.06-9.12 (m, 4H).

MnTE-2-PyP^{5+}. 100 mg (1.62 x 10^{-4} moles) of H$_2$T-2-PyP was dissolved in 5

mL of warm DMF (anhydrous), 5.5 mL (3.22 x 10^{-2} moles) of ethyl-p-

toluenesulfonate (ETS) was added under stirring at 90°C and allowed to react for

24-48 hours. The completion of tetra-N-ethylation was followed by normal phase

silica TLC using a mixture KNO$_{3sat}$/H$_2$O/CH$_3$CN (1:1:8) as eluant (Batinic-Haberle

et al, J. Biol. Chem. 273:24521 (1998)). Upon the completion of the reaction, the

DMF was removed *in vacuo* and 5 mL of acetone was then added. To this solution,

a concentrated solution of tetrabutylammonium chloride (TBAC) in acetone

(~1g/10mL acetone) was added dropwise under stirring until precipitation of the

chloride was complete. The resulting purple solid was dissolved in 10 mL of water,

the pH of the solution was raised to 12 with NaOH and 640 mg of MnCl$_2$·4H$_2$O

(3.23 x 10^{-3} moles) was added (Batinic-Haberle et al, J. Biol. Chem. 273:24521

(1998). Upon completion of metallation, the pH was lowered between 4 and 7 in

order to facilitate the auto-oxidation of Mn(II) into Mn(III), and the excess of metal

was eliminated as follows. The solution was filtered, and a concentrated aqueous

solution of NH$_4$PF$_6$ was added to precipitate the metalloporphyrin as the PF$_6$$^-$ salt

(Batinic-Haberle et al, Arch. Biochem. Biophy. 343:225 (1997); Richards et al,

Inorg. Chem. 35:1940 (1996)). The precipitate was thoroughly washed with a

mixture 2-propanol/ethyl ether (1:1), dried *in vacuo* at room temperature. The

resulting solid was then dissolved in acetone and a concentrated solution of TBAC

was added to isolate the metalloporphyrin in the form of its chloride salt. The precipitate was washed thoroughly with acetone and dried *in vacuo* at room temperature leading to 150 mg of a black red solid (95%). TLC: $R_f = 0.18$. UV/VIS (H_2O): λ_{nm} (logε) 364.0 (4.64), 453.8 (5.14), 558.6 (4.05). ESMS: $m/z = 157.4$ ($M^{5+}/5$). Anal. calcd. for $MnC_{48}N_8H_{44}Cl_5 \cdot 5H_2O$: C. 54.64; H. 5.16; N. 10.62. Found: C. 54.55; H. 5.40; N. 10.39. (See Fig. 4 for compound structures).

$MnCl_1TE\text{-}2\text{-}PyP^{5+}$. The same procedure as described above starting from 10 mg (1.53×10^{-5} moles) of $H_2Cl_1T\text{-}2\text{-}PyP$ and 0.5 mL (2.94×10^{-3} moles) of ETS in 1 mL of DMF. TLC: $R_f = 0.20$. UV/VIS (H_2O): λ_{nm} (logε) 365.6 (4.63), 455.6 (5.13), 560.6 (4.02). ESMS: $m/z = 164.3$ ($M^{5+}/5$). Anal. calcd. for $MnC_{48}N_8H_{43}Cl_6 \cdot 5H_2O$: C. 52.91; H. 4.90; N. 10.28. Found: C. 52.59; H. 5.28; N. 10.14.

$MnCl_{2a}TE\text{-}2\text{-}PyP^{5+}$. The same procedure starting from 5 mg (7.28×10^{-6} moles) of $H_2Cl_{2a}T\text{-}2\text{-}PyP$ and 0.25 mL (1.47×10^{-3} moles) of ETS, leading to 7.5 mg of a black red solid (95%). TLC: $R_f = 0.21$. UV/VIS (H_2O): λ_{nm} (logε) 365.8 (4.58), 456.4 (5.05), 562.2 (4.00). ESMS: $m/z = 171.1$ ($M^{5+}/5$). Anal. calcd. for $MnC_{48}N_8H_{42}Cl_7 \cdot 6H_2O$: C. 50.48; H. 4.77; N. 9.81. Found: C. 50.08; H. 4.60; N. 10.01.

$MnCl_{2b+2c}TE\text{-}2\text{-}PyP^{5+}$. The same procedure starting from 5 mg (7.28×10^{-6} moles) of $H_2Cl_{2b+2c}T\text{-}2\text{-}PyP$, leading to 7.5 mg of a black red solid (95%). TLC: $R_f =$

0.22. UV/VIS (H_2O): λ_{nm} (logε) 365.2 (4.63), 457.4 (5.08), 462.2 (4.06). ESMS:

m/z = 171.1 ($M^{5+}/5$). Anal. calcd. for $MnC_{48}N_8H_{42}Cl_7 \cdot 5H_2O$: C. 51.29; H. 4.66; N.

9.97. Found: C. 51.31; H. 5.19; N. 9.68.

MnCl$_3$TE-2-PyP^{5+}. The same procedure starting from 5 mg (6.93 x 10^{-6}

5   moles) of H_2Cl_3T-2-PyP, leading to 7.5 mg of a black brown solid (95%). TLC: R_f

= 0.23. UV/VIS (H_2O): λ_{nm} (logε) 364.8 (4.58), 458.0 (4.98), 466.4 (4.00). ESMS:

m/z = 178.1 ($M^{5+}/5$). Anal. calcd. for $MnC_{48}N_8H_{41}Cl_8 \cdot 6H_2O$: C. 49.00; H. 4.54; N.

9.52. Found: C. 48.40; H. 4.26; N. 9.59.

MnCl$_4$TE-2-PyP^{5+}. The same procedure starting from 5 mg (6.61 x 10^{-6}

10   moles) of H_2Cl_4T-2-PyP, leading to 7.5 mg of a black brown solid (95%). TLC: R_f

= 0.24. UV/VIS (H_2O): λ_{nm} (logε) 365.8 (4.52), 459.2 (4.90), 567.0 (3.96). ESMS:

m/z = 184.9 ($M^{5+}/5$). Anal. calcd. for $MnC_{48}N_8H_{40}Cl_9 \cdot 5H_2O$: C. 48.33; H. 4.22; N.

9.39. Found: C. 48.38; H. 4.45; N. 9.53.

Electrochemistry. The electrochemical characterization was performed as

15   described previously on a Voltammetric Analyzer Model 600 (CH instrument)

using a glassy carbon electrode (Ag/AgCl reference and Pt auxiliary electrodes), at

0.5 mM porphyrin, pH 7.8 (0.05 M phosphate buffer), 0.1 M NaCl. The potentials

were standardized against potassium ferricyanide/potassium ferrocyanide couple

(Batinic-Haberle et al, Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 343:225 (1997); Kolthof et al, J.
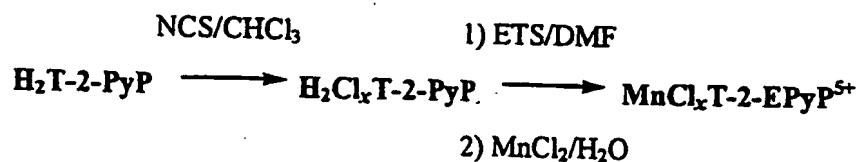
20   Phys. Chem. 39:945 (1974)).

Superoxide dismuting activity. The SOD-like activities were measured

using the xanthine/xanthine oxidase system as a source of O_2^- and ferricytochrome c

as its indicating scavenger (McCord et al, J. Biol. Chem. 244:6049 (1969)). O_2^- was

produced at the rate of 1.2 μM per minute and reduction of ferricytochrome c was

5   followed at 550 nm. Assays were conducted in presence of 0.1 mM EDTA in 0.05

M phosphate buffer (pH 7.8). Rate constants for the reaction of the compounds were

based upon competition with 10 μM cytochrome c, $k_{cyt c}$ = 2.6 x 10^5 $M^{-1}s^{-1}$ (Butler et

al, J. Biol. Chem. 257:10747 (1982)). All measurements were done at 25°C.

Cytochrome c concentration was at least 10^3-fold higher than the concentrations of

10   the SOD mimics and the rates were linear for at least two minutes, during which the

compounds intercepted ~100 equivalents of O_2^-, thus confirming the catalytic nature

of O_2^- dismutation in presence of the mimics.

Results

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Despite increasing knowledge on the purification of water soluble porphyrins,

the separation of halogenated uncharged porphyrins followed by N-alkylation and

metallation still appeared easier for the successful preparation of MnCl$_x$TE-2-PyP^{5+}

(Scheme A) (Richards et al, Inorg. Chem. 35:1940 (1996); Kaufman et al, Inorg.

20   Chem. 34:5073 (1995)):

$$\text{H}_2\text{T-2-PyP} \xrightarrow{\text{NCS/CHCl}_3} \text{H}_2\text{Cl}_x\text{T-2-PyP} \xrightarrow[\text{2) MnCl}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}]{\text{1) ETS/DMF}} \text{MnCl}_x\text{T-2-EPyP}^{5+}$$
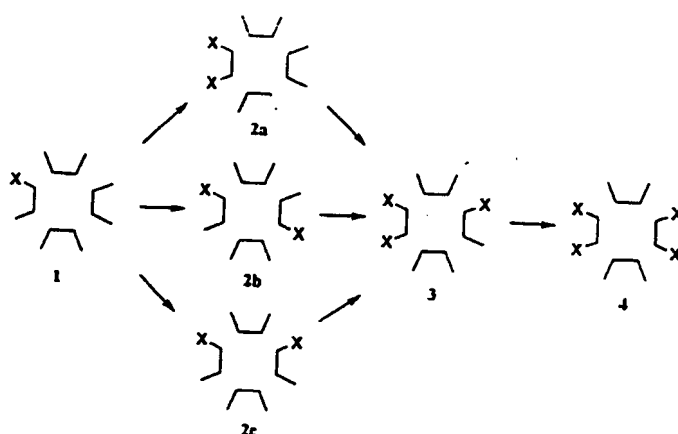
Scheme A

Synthesis of $\text{H}_2\text{T-2-PyP}$ β-chlorinated derivatives. β-Chlorination of $\text{H}_2\text{T-2-}$ PyP was performed as described in the literature for H_2TPP analogues, using N-chlorosuccinimide (NCS) in chloroform under refluxing conditions (Ochsenbein et al, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl. 33:348 (1994)). The number of NCS equivalents used can be 4 or 6, depending on the degree of substitution desired (Table 3). The reaction can be followed by TLC (silica gel) using a mixture ethanol/dichloromethane (5:95) as eluant (Table 3 and Scheme B).

Table 3 $\text{H}_2\text{Cl}_x\text{T-2-PyP}$ ($x = 1$ to 4): R_f, Soret band data and yields with 4 and 6 equivalents of NCS.

Porphyrin	R_f^a	λ nm ($\varepsilon / 10^5 \text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$)[b]	Yield (%)[c]	
			4 eq	6 eq
$\text{H}_2\text{T-2-PyP}$	0.43	418.4		
β-Cl$_1$	0.47	419.6 (2.74)	30	-
β-Cl$_{2a}$	0.50	421.4 (2.39)	10	5
β-Cl$_{2b-2c}$	0.53	421.4 (2.62)	20	10
β-Cl$_3$	0.55	422.8 (2.33)	10	15
β-Cl$_4$	0.58	423.6 (2.13)	7	12

[a]TLC on silica with $\text{EtOH/CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (5:95) as eluant. [b]in CHCl_3 (estimated errors for ε are within $\pm 10\%$). [c]in refluxing CHCl_3 during 6 hours ($c \sim 2 \mu\text{M}$).

Scheme B

Each compound was purified by chromatography on silica gel (Wakogel C-300) using the same eluant. The structures of the main isomers were identified by mass spectrometry, and UV/VIS and ^{1}H-NMR spectroscopies (Table 3 and Scheme B). The bathochromic shift of the Soret band per chlorine on H_2T-2-PyP was only 1.3 nm compared to 3.5 nm reported previously for H_2TPP derivatives (Table 3) (Hoffmann et al, Bull. Soc. Chem. Fr. 129:85 (1992); Chorghade et al, Synthesis 1320 (1996); Wijesekera et al, Bull. Chem. Fr. 133:765 (1996)). Only one of the three dichlorinated regioisomers (β-Cl$_{2a}$ derivative) was purified by chromatography on silica gel. Its two other regioisomers (β-Cl$_{2b}$ and β-Cl$_{2c}$ derivatives) exhibited the same R_f. Preliminary results showed that purification of H_2Br$_x$T-4-PyP (x = 1 to 4) is more difficult. Indeed, using the same TLC system, β-Br$_1$ and β-Br$_{2a}$ derivatives

both have the same R_f, and no difference of R_f between β-Br$_{2b}$, β-Br$_{2c}$, β-Br$_3$ and β-

Br$_4$ derivatives was observed, showing clearly that, in this case, R_f depends on the

number of pyrroles substituted and not on the number of β-protons substituted.

^{1}H-NMR identification of H$_2$T-2-PyP β-chlorinated derivatives. ^{1}H-NMR

5   allowed the identification of the products of the substitution reaction (Table 4 and

Fig. 5). As described in the literature for H$_2$TPP analogues, the main regioisomer of

H$_2$Cl$_4$T-2-PyP has chlorines in positions 7,8,17,18. Indeed, its ^{1}H-NMR spectrum

shows an apparent singlet (doublet with J lower than 2Hz), corresponding to four

chemically equivalent β-protons coupled with the two pyrrolic protons which have

10   lost their delocalization (Crossley et al, J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun. 1564

(1991).   Nevertheless, another less polar fraction (R_f = 0.60) was identified,

according to its mass spectrum, as a mixture of other tetrachloro-regioisomers (^{1}H-

NMR spectrum uninterpretable), representing approximately 50% by weight of both

β-Cl$_4$ fractions, and showing that the β-substitution is only partially regioselective.

15   According to the ^{1}H-NMR spectrum of the corresponding H$_2$Cl$_3$T-2-PyP^{5+} fraction,

there are no apparent other regioisomers.   The spectrum presents one singlet

corresponding to the β-proton of the monosubstituted pyrrole and four doublets

corresponding to the four β-protons of the two non-substituted pyrroles. Moreover,

the asymmetry of this compound leads to a differentiation of the two NH protons.

20   According to yields and ^{1}H-NMR spectra of H$_2$Cl$_{2a}$T-2-PyP (Fig. 5) and H$_2$Cl$_{2b+2c}$T-

2-PyP, no predominant β-Cl$_2$ regioisomer was observed. Finally, the H$_2$Cl$_1$T-2-PyP

spectrum shows one singlet and six doublets, but only one NH signal, suggesting

that in this case the asymmetry is too weak for the differentiation of the two NH

protons.

Table 4 $H_2Cl_xT-2-PyP$ (x = 1 to 4): ^{1}H-NMR
data (porphyrin ring) in $CDCl_3$

		δ_{ppm} (mult.. Hz)^a
$H_2Cl_1T-2-PyP$	NH	- 2.91 (2H)
	CH	7.68 (s. 1H)
		8.74 (d, 1H, 5.5)
		8.76 (d, 1H, 5.5)
		8.76 (d, 1H, 6.0)
		8.88 (d. 1H, 6.0)
		8.90 (d, 1H, 6.0)
		8.94 (d, 1H, 6.0)
$H_2Cl_{2a}T-2-PyP$	NH	- 2.98 (2H)
	CH	8.70 (s, 2H)
		8.82 (d, 2H, 6.0)
		8.91 (d, 2H, 6.0)
$H_2Cl_{2b}T-2-PyP^b$	NH	- 3.04 (2H)
	CH	8.59 (s, 2H)
		8.78 (d, 2H, 6.0)
		8.87 (d, 2H, 6.0)
$H_2Cl_{2c}T-2-PyP^b$	NH	- 2.84 (1H)
		- 2.87 (1H)
	CH	8.61 (s, 2H)
		8.73 (d, 2H, < 2.0)
		8.93 (d, 2H, < 2.0)
$H_2Cl_3T-2-PyP$	NH	- 3.08 (1H)
		- 3.15 (1H)
	CH	8.56 (s, 1H)
		8.72 (d, 1H, 6.5)
		8.76 (d, 1H, 6.5)
		8.82 (d, 1H, 6.5)
		8.88 (d, 1H, 6.5)
$H_2Cl_4T-2-PyP$	NH	- 3.14 (2H)
	CH	8.74 (d, 4H, < 2.0)

^{a}chemical shifts in ppm expressed relative to TMS
by setting $CDCl_3$ = 7.24 ppm. ^{b}one spectrum for
the mixture of the two regioisomers (~ 1:1 ratio).

N-ethylation and metallation. The *N*-ethylation of $H_2T-2-PyP$ was efficiently accomplished using ethyl-*p*-toluenesulfonate, diethylsulfate or iodoethane as reagents, but the high toxicity of diethylsulfate and the low reactivity of iodoethane makes ethyl-*p*-toluenesulfonate (ETS) the best choice (Chen et al, J. Electroanal.

5   Chem. 280:189 (1990); Kalyamasundaram, Inorg. Chem. 23:2453 (1984); Hambright et al, Inorg. Chem. 15:1314 (1976); Alder et al, Chem. Brit. 14:324 (1978); Perree-Fauvet et al, 52:13569 (1996)). Some authors prefer performing *N*-alkylation after metallation in order to protect the pyrrole nitrogens (Perree-Fauvet et al, Tetrahedron 52:13569 (1996)). However, with direct treatment on the present

10   free ligands, no *N*-ethylation of the pyrrole nitrogens was observed (subsequent metallation in aqueous solution was complete). The completion of ethylation as well as metallation can be followed by TLC (normal silica) using a highly polar eluant, a mixture of an aqueous solution of saturated potassium nitrate with acetonitrile (Batinic-Haberle et al, J. Biol. Chem. 273:24521 (1998)). The yields of

15   this step (*N*-ethylation and metallation) were almost 100% (approximately 5% loss during the purification process). Since *N*-ethylation (or *N*-methylation) limits the free rotation of the pyridinium rings, each compound is in fact a mixture of four atropoisomers, and a further purification of each atropoisomer can be considered (Kaufmann et al, Inorg. Chem. 34:5073 (1995)). All the manganese porphyrins

20   prepared had metal in the 3+ state as demonstrated by the 20 nm hypsochromic shift

of the Soret band (accompanied by the loss of splitting) upon the reduction of the metal-center by ascorbic acid.

Electrochemistry. The metal-centered redox behavior of all metalloporphyrin products was reversible. The half-wave potentials ($E^o_{1/2}$) were

5   calculated as the average of the cathodic and anodic peaks and are given in mV vs NHE (Table 5). The average shift per chlorine is + 55 mV (Table 5), which is in agreement with the values previously reported for H_2TPP derivatives (between + 50 and + 70 mV) (Sen et al, Chem. Soc. Faraday Trans. 93:4281 (1997); Autret et al, J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans. 2793 (1996); Hariprasad et al, J. Chem. Soc. Dalton

10   Trans. 3429 (1996); Tagliatesta et al, Inorg. Chem. 35:5570 (1996); Ghosh, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 117:4691 (1995); Takeuchi et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 116:9730 (1994); Binstead et al, Inorg. Chem. 30:1259 (1991); Giraudeau et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 101:3857 (1979)). This shift appears to be higher (~ + 65 mV) between 0 and 1, and between 2 and 3 chlorines (Table 5). $E^o_{1/2}$ values of β-Cl_{2a} and the mixture β-

15   Cl_{2b+2c} were not significantly different. The manganese redox state of $MnCl_4TE$-2-PyP^{5+} ($E^o_{1/2}$ = + 448 mV) and $MnOBTMPyP^{4+}$ ($E^o_{1/2}$ = + 480 mV) is 3+ and 2+, respectively. This difference may be explained by their difference in terms of redox potential (~ 30 mV) but also by structural considerations, for instance an increased distortion of the porphyrin ring in the case of $MnOBTMPyP^{4+}$. (Batinic-Haberle et

al, Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 343:225 (1997); Ochsenbein et al, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl. 33:348 (1994)).

Table 5 $MnCl_xTE-2-PyP^{5-}$ ($x = 1$ to 4): Soret band data, redox potentials and SOD activities.

Mn-porphyrin	$\lambda nm \, (\varepsilon / 10^4 \, M^{-1} \, cm^{-1})^a$		$E^\circ{}_{1/2} \, (\Delta)^b$		$IC_{50}/10^{-9} \, M^c$	$k_{cat}/10^7 \, M^{-1}s^{-1}$
MnTE-2-PyP^{5-}	453.8	(14.0)	+228	(71)	45	5.7
β-Cl$_1$	455.6	(12.5)	+293	(65)	25	10
β-Cl$_{2a}$	456.4	(10.6)	+342	(70)	20	13
β-Cl$_{2b-2c}$	457.4	(11.2)	+344	(65)	20	13
β-Cl$_3$	458.0	(9.5)	+408	(67)	10	26
β-Cl$_4$	459.2	(8.0)	+448	(79)	6.5	40
MnTM-4-PyP^{5-}			+060			0.4
MnTM-2-PyP^{5-}			+220			6.0
MnOBTMPyP^{4-}			+480			22
CuZnSOD			+260			200

^{a}in H_2O (estimated errors for ε are within ±10%). ^{b}mV vs NHE, with estimated errors of ±5 mV (Δ = peak to peak separation), and in the following conditions: 0.5 mM porphyrin, 0.1 M NaCl, 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.8). ^{c}concentration that causes 50% inhibition of cytochrome c reduction by O_2^- (estimated errors are within ±10%).

Superoxide dismuting activities. SOD-like activities were measured as described previously, based on competition with cytochrome c (McCord et al. J. Biol. Chem. 244:6049 (1969)). $MnCl_xTE-2-PyP^{5-}$ SOD-like activities are reported in Table 5, IC_{50} (M) representing the concentration for one unit of activity (or the concentration that causes 50% inhibition of cytochrome c reduction by O_2^-) and k_{cat} (M^{-1}s^{-1}) representing the rate constant for the superoxide dismutation reaction. The
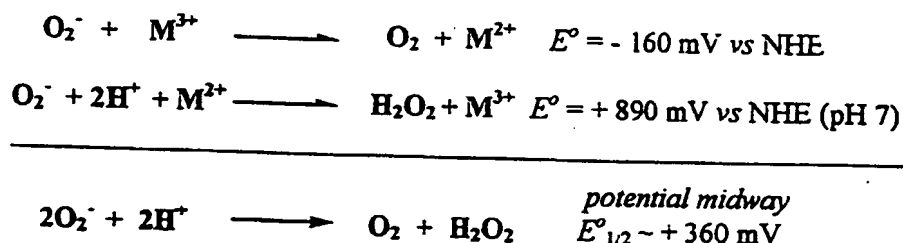
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SOD-like activity per mole of $MnCl_4TE-2-PyP^{5+}$ is approximately 2-, 7- and 100-

fold higher than $MnOBTMPyP^{4+}$, $MnTM-2-PyP^{5+}$ and $MnTM-4-PyP^{5+}$;

respectively (Faulkner et al, J. Biol. Chem. 269:23471 (1994); Batinic-Haberle et al,

Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 343:225 (1997); Batinic-Haberle et al, J. Biol. Chem.

5   273:24521 (1998)). The SOD-like activity of $MnCl_4TE-2-PyP^{5+}$ represents 20% of

the activity of the Cu,Zn-SOD enzyme on a molar basis (40% per active site

considering that the enzyme has two active sites) (Klug-Roth et al, J. Am. Chem.

Soc. 95:2786 (1973)).

Test of stability. Each additional degree of chlorination increases the redox

10   potential which is expected to be followed by the decrease in the pKa values of

pyrrole nitrogens, as found for the series of *meso*-phenyl and *meso*-pyridyl

substituted porphyrins as well as for β-substituted ones (Worthington et al, Inorg.

Nucl. Chem. Lett. 16:441 (1980); Kadish et al, Inorg. Chem. 15:980 (1976)). The

pKa, as a measure of the ligand-proton stability, is in turn a measure of the metal-

15   ligand stability as well.   Thus, the tetrachloro-compound is expected to be of

decreased stability as compared to lesser chlorinated analogues. The stability of

$MnCl_4TE-2-PyP^{5+}$ was tested by measuring its SOD-like activity in the presence of

excess EDTA. In the presence of a 10^2-fold excess of EDTA, $MnCl_4TE-2-PyP^{5+}$ (*c*

= 5 x 10^{-6} M) maintains its activity for sixteen hours (at 25°C). A loss of activity (~

20   25%) was observed after forty hours, thus indicating the formation of some

manganese – EDTA complex ($K = 10^{14.05}$). These results confirm a relatively good

stability of MnCl$_4$TE-2-PyP^{5+} when compared to MnOBTMPyP^{4+} ($K = 10^{8.08}$)

(Batinic-Haberle et al, Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 343:225 (1997)).

Relationship between redox properties and SOD-like activities. The Cu,Zn-

5   SOD enzyme is a dimer of two identical subunits, and thus has two active sites,

which exhibit a redox potential close to the midpoint of the two half reaction values,

as well as the same rate constants for each half reaction (Scheme C and Table 5)

(Ellerby et al, J. am. Chem. Soc. 118:6556 (1996); Klug-Roth, J. Am. Chem. Soc.

95:2786 (1973)):

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$$O_2^- + M^{3+} \longrightarrow O_2 + M^{2+} \quad E^\circ = -160 \text{ mV } vs \text{ NHE}$$

$$O_2^- + 2H^+ + M^{2+} \longrightarrow H_2O_2 + M^{3+} \quad E^\circ = +890 \text{ mV } vs \text{ NHE (pH 7)}$$

$$2O_2^- + 2H^+ \longrightarrow O_2 + H_2O_2 \quad \begin{array}{l}\textit{potential midway} \\ E^\circ_{1/2} \sim +360 \text{ mV}\end{array}$$

Scheme c

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On the other hand, previous studies of O_2^- dismutation catalyzed by MnTM-

4-PyP^{5+} ($E^\circ_{1/2} = +60$ mV), using pulse radiolysis and stopped flow techniques,

showed that the rate of the reduction of the metal by O_2^- is 10^2-fold to 10^3-fold

20   lower than the rate of reoxidation of the metal (Faraggi, Oxygen Radicals in

Chemistry and Biology, Bors et al (Eds): Walter de Gruyter and Co.; Berlin,
Germany 1984, p. 419; Lee et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 120:6053 (1998)). Whereas a
peak of SOD-like activity somewhere between + 200 and + 450 mV was first
expected, plotting k_{cat} vs $E^o_{1/2}$ for $MnCl_xTE-2-PyP^{5+}$ shows an exponential increase

5   of the SOD-like activity, strongly suggesting that the limiting factor is still the
reduction of the metal. This hypothesis however must be confirmed by measuring
the rates of each half reaction as catalyzed by each $MnCl_xTE-2-PyP^{5+}$ compound.
The relationship between activation free energy ($\Delta G^{\#}$) for superoxide dismutation
and free energy change (ΔG^o) for $MnCl_xTE-2-PyP^{5+}$ redox is linear (slope ~ + 0.2),

10   clearly showing the predominance of kinetic over thermodynamic factors in the
theoretical optimal redox potential region (Fig. 6). According to this behavior, the
activity of the Cu,Zn-SOD enzyme ($k_{cat} = 10^9$ $M^{-1}s^{-1}$ per active site) may be reached
at approximately $E^o_{1/2} = + 570$ mV (Fig. 3). However, due to both steric (distortion
of the porphyrin ring) and thermodynamic factors, introducing a higher degree of β-

15   chlorination is expected to stabilize the manganese in the 2+ redox state, and thus,
as in the case of $MnOBTMPyP^{4+}$, limiting the rate of the reoxidation of the metal as
well as inducing Mn(II) dissociation (Batinic-Haberle et al, Arch. Biochem.
Biophys. 343:225 (1997); Ochsenbein et al, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl. 33:348
(1994)).

EXAMPLE VII

The *ortho, meta* and *para* isomers of manganese(III) 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(*N*-methylpyridyl)porphyrin, MnTM-2-PyP^{5+}, MnTM-3-PyP^{5+}, and MnTM-4-PyP^{5+}, respectively, were analyzed in terms of their superoxide dismutase (SOD) activity

5   *in vitro* and *in vivo*. The impact of their interaction with DNA and RNA on the SOD activity *in vivo* and *in vitro* was also analyzed. Differences in their behavior are due to the combined steric and electrostatic factors. *In vitro* catalytic activities are closely related to their redox potentials. The half-wave potentials (E$_{1/2}$) are +0.220 mV, +0.052 mV and +0.060 V *vs* normal hydrogen electrode (NHE), while

10 the rates of dismutation (k$_{cat}$), are 6.0 x 10^7 M^{-1} s^{-1}, 4.1 x 10^6 M^{-1} s^{-1} and 3.8 x 10^6 M^{-1} s^{-1} for the *ortho, meta* and *para* isomers, respectively.

However, the *in vitro* activity is not a sufficient predictor of *in vivo* efficacy. The *ortho* and *meta* isomers, although of significantly different *in vitro* SOD activities, have fairly close *in vivo* SOD efficacy due to their similarly weak

15 interactions with DNA. In contrast, due to a higher degree of interaction with DNA, the *para* isomer inhibited growth of SOD-deficient *Escherichia coli*. For details, see Batinic-Haberle et al, J. Biol. Chem. 273(38):24521-8 (September 18, 1998).

EXAMPLE VIII

Metalloporphyrins are Potent Inhibitors
of Lipid Peroxidation

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<u>Materials and Methods</u>

L-Ascorbic acid, n-butanol, butylated hydroxytoluene, cobalt chloride,

iron(II) chloride, phosphoric acid (85%), sodium hydroxide, potassium

10   phosphate, tetrabutylammonium chloride, and 1,1,3,3-tetramethoxypropane

were purchased from Sigma (St. Louis, MO).   Acetone, concentrated

hydrochloric acid, 4,6-dihydroxy-2-mercaptopyrimidine (thiobarbituric acid),

NH_4PF_6, zinc chloride, 5,10, 15, 20-tetrakis (4-benzoic acid) porphyrin

(H_2TBAP)* , 5,10,15,20-tetrakis (N-methylpyridinium-4-yl) porphyrin (H_2TM-

15   4-PyP), and Trolox were purchased from Aldrich (Milwaukee, WI). Ferric

5,10,15,20-tetrakis (4-benzoic acid) porphyrin (FeTBAP) was purchased

from   Porphyrin   Products   (Logan,   UT).   5,10,15,20-tetrakis   (N-

methylpyridinium-2-yl)   porphyrin   (H_2TM-2-PyP)   was   purchased   from

MidCentury   Chemicals   (Posen,   IL).   (+)-Rutin   was   purchased   from

20   Calbiochem (La Jolla, CA).   Manganese chloride was purchased from

Fisher (Fair Lawn, NJ) and ethanol USP was purchased from AAPER

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* Also known as 5,10,15,20-tetrakis (4-carboxyphenyl) porphyrin (H_2TCPP)

Alcohol and Chemical Co. (Shelbville, KY). All solutions were prepared in
Milli-Q Plus PF water (Millipore, Bedford, MA).

Preparation and analysis of metalloporphyrins

The metalloporphyrins MnTBAP, CoTBAP and ZnTBAP were made

5   using methods described previously (Day et al, J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.
275:1227 (1995)). MnTM-4-PyP, CoTM-4-PyP and ZnTM-4-PyP were
synthesized by the following method. A 1.5 molar excess of manganese,
cobalt or zinc chloride was mixed with H_2TM-4-PyP that was dissolved in
de-ionized water. The reaction mixture was heated to 80°C and metal

10   ligation was followed spectrophotometrically (UV-2401PC, Shimadzu,
Columbia, MD). Excess metal was removed by passing the mixture through
a column containing Bio-Gel P-2 (BioRad, Richmond, CA) that selectively
retained MnTM-4-PyP. MnTM-4-PyP was eluted with 0.01 N HCl after
extensive washing of the column with water. MnTM-4-PyP, CoTM-4-PyP

15   and ZnTM-4-PyP were characterized in terms of their reported Soret bands.
The Soret band for MnTM-4-PyP is at 463 nm with an extinction coefficient
of $(\varepsilon) = 1.3 \times 10^5$ M^{-1} cm^{-1}, the Soret band for ZnTM-4-PyP is at 437 nm with
an extinction coefficient of $(\varepsilon) = 2.0 \times 10^5$ M^{-1} cm^{-1} (Pasternack et al, Inorg.
Chem. 12:2606 (1973)) and the Soret band for CoTM-4-PyP is at 434 nm

20   with an extinction coefficient of $(\varepsilon) = 2.15 \times 10^5$ $M^{-1}cm^{-1}$ (Pasternack et al,

Biochemistry 22:2406 (1983)). Manganese β-octabromo-*meso*-tetrakis-(N-methylpyridinium-4-yl) porphyrin (MnOBTM-4-PyP) was synthesized as previously described (Batinic-Haberle et al, Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 343:225 (1997)) and has a Soret band at 490 nm with an extinction

5   coefficient (ε) = 8.56 x 10^4 M^{-1} cm^{-1}. H_2TM-2-PyP was metallated with a 1:20 porphyrin to manganese ratio in water (pH >11) at room temperature. Upon completion of metallation, MnTM-2-PyP was precipitated by the addition of a concentrated aqueous solution of NH_4PF_6. The precipitate was washed with 2-propanol:diethyl ether (1:1) and dried in vacuo at room

10   temperature. The PF_6^- salt of MnTM-2-PyP was dissolved in acetone, filtered and a concentrated acetone solution of tetrabutylammonium chloride was added until the porphyrin had precipitated as its chloride salt. The precipitate was washed with acetone and dried *in vacuo* at room temperature. The Soret band for MnTM-2-PyP was found at 453 nm with

15   an extinction coefficient (ε) = 1.29 x 10^5 M^{-1} cm^{-1}.

Preparation of rat brain homogenates

Frozen adult Sprague-Dawley rat brains (Pel-Freez, Rogers, AR) were homogenized with a polytron (Turrax T25, Germany) in 5 volumes of ice cold 50 mM potassium phosphate at pH 7.4. Homogenate protein

20   concentration was determined with the Coomassie Plus protein assay

(Pierce, Rockford, IL) using bovine serum albumin as a standard. The homogenate volume was adjusted with buffer to give a final protein concentration of 10 mg/ml and frozen as aliquots at -80°C.

Oxidation of rat brain homogenates

5   Rat brain homogenates (2 mg protein) were incubated with varying concentrations of antioxidant at 37 °C for 15 minutes. Oxidation of the rat brain homogenate was initiated by the addition of 0.1 ml of a freshly prepared anaerobic stock solution containing iron(II) chloride (0.25 mM) and ascorbate (1 mM) as previously reported (Braughler et al, J. Biol. Chem.

10   262:10438 (1987)). Samples (final volume 1 ml) were placed in a shaking water bath at 37 °C for 30 minutes. The reactions were stopped by the addition of 0.1 ml of a stock butylated hydroxytoluene (60 mM) solution in ethanol.

Lipid peroxidation measurement

15   The concentration of thiobarbituric acid reactive species (TBARS) in rat brain homogenates was used as a index of lipid peroxidation (Bernhem et al, J. Biol. Chem. 174:257 (1948); Witz et al, J. Free Rad. Biol. Med. 2:33 (1986); Kikugawa et al, Anal. Biochem. 202:249 (1992); Jentzsch et al, Free Rad. Biol. Med. 20P251 (1996)). Malondialdehyde standards were

20   obtained by adding 8.2 μl of 1,1,3,3-tetramethoxypropane in 10 ml of 0.01

M HCl and mixing for 10 minutes at room temperature. This stock was

- further diluted in water to give standards that ranged from 0.25 to 25 μM.

Samples or standards (200 μl) were acidified with 200 μl of 0.2 M

phosphoric acid in 1.5 ml locking microfuge tubes. The color reaction was

5   initiated by the addition of 25 μl of a 0.11M thiobarbituric acid solution and

samples were placed in a 90 °C heating block for 45 minutes. TBARS were

extracted with 0.5 ml of n-butanol by vortexing samples for 3 minute and

chilling on ice for 1 minute. The samples were then centrifuged at 12,000 x

g for 3 minutes, 150 μl aliquots of the n-butanol phase were placed in each

10   well of a 96-well plate and read at 535 nm in a Thermomax platereader

(Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA) at 25 °C. Sample absorbencies were

converted to MDA equivalencies (μM) by extrapolation from the MDA

standard curve. None of the antioxidants at concentrations employed in

these studies affected the reaction of MDA standards with thiobarbituric

15   acid and reactions without TBA were used as subtraction blanks.

Statistical analyses

Data were presented as their means ± SE. The inhibitory

concentration of antioxidants that decreased the degree of lipid

peroxidation by 50% (IC_{50}) and respective 95% confidence intervals (CI)

were determined by fitting a sigmoidal curve with variable slope to the data

(GraphPad Prizm, San Diego, CA).

Results

5   Comparison of metalloporphyrins with other antioxidants in iron/ascorbate-
    mediated lipid peroxidation.

        The objective of these studies was to investigate whether

metalloporphyrins could inhibit lipid peroxidation and to compare their

10 potencies with those of previously characterized antioxidants that include

enzymatic antioxidants (SOD and catalase) and non-enzymatic antioxidants

(water soluble vitamin E analog, trolox, and plant polyphenolic flavonoid,

rutin) (Figure 7).   The time course of lipid peroxidation was determined in

rat brain homogenates using iron and ascorbate as initiators of lipid

15 oxidation and the formation of thiobarbituric reactive species (TBARS) as

an index of lipid peroxidation.   A linear increase in the formation of TBARS

occurred between 15 to 90 minutes of incubation at 37°C (Figure 8).   Based

on this result, an incubation time of 30 minutes was selected to test the

ability of metalloporphyrins and other antioxidants to inhibit lipid

20 peroxidation. (Figure 9).   Of the agents tested, the manganese porphyrins

that have the highest SOD activities, MnOBTM-4-PyP and MnTM-2-PyP,

were found to be the most potent lipid peroxidation inhibitors with calculated

IC_{50}s of 1.3 and 1.0 µM respectively. (Table 6).   Bovine CuZnSOD was

moderately active with a calculated IC_{50} of 15 μM while trolox and rutin were -much less potent with calculated IC_{50}s of 204 and 112 μM, respectively. In this system, catalase (up to concentrations of 1 mg/ml) did not inhibit iron/ascorbate-initiated lipid peroxidation.

Table 6 Comparison of Antioxidant Properties

Antioxidants	SOD (U/mg)[a]	Redox Potential ($E_{1/2}$, V)[b]	Lipid Peroxidation[c]	
			IC_{50} [μM]	95% CI [μM]
CuZnSOD	5,100	+0.35	15	13-17
Trolox	---	---	204	135-308
Rutin	---	---	113	99-129
MnTM-2-PyP	8,500	+0.22	1.0	0.4-2.2
MnOBTM-4-PyP	18,460	+0.48	1.3	0.8-2.2
MnTM-4-PyP	547	+0.06	16	12-22
MnTBAP	179	-0.19	29	23-37
CoTM-4-PyP	113	+0.42	17	14-22
CoTBAP	24	+0.20	21	13-33
FeTBAP	24	+0.01	212	144-311
ZnTM-4-PyP	trace	---	241	159-364
ZnTM-2-PyP	trace	---	591	423-827
ZnTBAP	trace	---	843	428-1660

[a] Unit of SOD activity defined as the amount of compound that inhibits one half the reduction of cytochrome c or photoreduction of NBT.
[b] Metal centered redox potentials vs NHE (Mn^{+3}/Mn^{+2}; Co^{+3}/Co^{+2}; Fe^{+3}/Fe^{+2}). If not otherwise specified, $E_{1/2}$ were obtained at pH 7.8.
[c] The amount of thiobarbaturic acid reactive substances produced in a rat brain homogenate by 30 minutes of incubation of iron and ascorbate.

Effect of different metal chelates on the ability of porphyrins to inhibit lipid peroxidation.

A wide range of metals can be covalently ligated by porphyrins and that confers different redox potentials and SOD activities (Table 6). The ability of different metal chelates to influence a porphyrin's ability to inhibit lipid peroxidation was tested. Several different metal analogs of TBAP were examined in the iron/ascorbate-initiated lipid peroxidation model (Figure 10). Both the manganese and cobalt TBAP analogs had similar efficacy with calculated IC_{50} of 29 and 21 μM, respectively. The FeTBAP analog was an order of magnitude less potent with a calculated IC_{50} of 212 μM. The ZnTBAP analog was much less active than the other metal analogs with a calculated IC_{50} of 946 μM. This potency difference between the zinc and the other metals reflects the importance of metal centered verses ring structure redox chemistry since zinc can not readily change its valence. The ranked potencies of tested metalloporphyrins based on $IC_{50}s$ were as follows: MnTM-2-PyP = MnOBTM-4-PyP > MnTM-4-PyP = CoTM-4-PyP > CoTBAP = MnTBAP > FeTBAP = ZnTM-4-PyP > ZnTM-2-PyP > ZnTBAP.

Comparison of a series of tetrakis N-methylpyridyl porphyrin (TMPyP) analogs as inhibitors of lipid peroxidation.

Recently, several manganese analogs of N-methylpyridyl porphyrins

5   have been found to possess large differences in SOD activities (Table 6).

MnTM-2-PyP and MnTM-4-PyP differ structurally with respect to the

position of the N-methylpyridyl group to the porphyrin ring (*ortho* vs *para*) as

well as in SOD activity by a factor of six. Substitution of zinc in these

porphyrin analogs results in loss of SOD activity. These TMPyP analogs

10   were compared for their ability to inhibit lipid peroxidation (Figure 11). The

movement of the N-methylpyridyl group from the *para*- to the *ortho*-position

in the manganese porphyrin resulted in a 15-fold increase in potency.

Since MnTM-2-PyP possesses a more positive redox potential than MnTM-

4-PyP (+0.22 vs +0.06, respectively), this data suggests that both the redox

15   potential and the related SOD activity may contribute to the increased

potency of the MnTM-2-PyP analog.

EXAMPLE IX

Demonstration That Mn TE-2-PyP Can Be Effectively Used
to Attenuate Oxidant Stress Mediated Tissue Injury

20   The ability of Mn TE-2-PyP to attenuate injury associated with 60 minutes

of global ischemia followed by 90 minutes of reperfusion was assessed in an

isolated, perfused mouse liver model. Excised livers were perfused with a buffered

salt solution for 15 minutes after which the metalloporphyrin was introduced into

- the perfusate and the liver perfused in a recirculating system for an additional 15

minutes. The livers were then rendered globally ischemic under normal thermic

conditions for 60 minutes. Following the ischemic period the livers were perfused

5   for 90 minutes with perfusate supplemented with 10 μm Mn TE-2-PyP. In this

model the ischemia/reperfused livers have a marked release of hepatocellular

enzymes, aspartate transaminase, alanine transaminase, and lactate dehydrogenase

during the first 2½ minutes of reperfusion. This is followed by a progressive release

of hepatocellular enzymes indicating hepatocellular injury over the 90 minute

10   perfusion period. Administration of Mn TE-2-PyP was highly efficacious in

attenuating the liver injury, blocking virtually all of the acute hepatocellular enzyme

release and blocking progressive hepatocellular enzyme release over the 90 minute

perfusion period. At the end of the experiments liver is treated with the

metalloporphyrin. It has demonstrated excellent oxygen consumption and a normal

15   perfusion pattern. They remain firm and with a normal texture to gross morphologic

examination. Livers with no drug treatment did not consume oxygen normally and

became edematous, soft, and had a mottled appearance consistent with poor

perfusion.

EXAMPLE X

Effects of Mn TM-2-PyP on Vascular Tone

Rats were anesthetized and a femoral vein and carotid artery were cannulated.
While blood pressure was monitored by the carotid artery, Mn TM-2-PyP was
5   injected i.v. at doses ranging from 0.1 to 3.0 mg/kg. Mean arterial pressure fell from
100-125 mmHg to 50-60 mmHg within five to ten minutes. The effect was
transient, lasting up to 30 minutes at doses of 0.1 to 0.25 mg/kg. At doses of 1-3
mg/kg the effect was prolonged, lasting up to two hours. The effect can be blocked
by administration of inhibitors of nitric oxide synthase demonstrating that the role
10   of Mn TM-2-PyP is being modulated by nitric oxide. Scavenging of superoxide in
vascular walls would potentiate the effects of nitric oxide producing hypotension.

EXAMPLE XI

Regulation of Airway Reactivity Using Mn TM-2-PyP

Mice were sensitized by intraperitoneal injection of ovalbumin twice, 14
15   days apart. Fourteen days after the second i.p. injection they were challenged with
aerosolized ovalbumin daily for three days. Forty-eight hours after the third
inhalation of ovalbumin they were given a 1 minute methacholine challenge and
airway hyperreactivity followed using a Buxco body plethysmograph. Significant
increases in airway resistance as measured by the PENH index occurred at doses of
20   20, 30 and 40 mg/ml of methacholine. At all doses of methacholine prior

intratracheal instillations of 2 μg Mn TM-2-PyP given daily for 4 days resulted in a statistically significant reduction in the airway hyperreactivity. This dose of Mn TM-2-PyP is equivalent to 0.8 mg/kg whole body dose.

EXAMPLE XII

5   Treatment of Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia Using Mn TE-2-PyP

Neonatal baboons were delivered prematurely by Caesarian section and then treated either with 100% oxygen or only sufficient PRN FIO$_2$ to maintain adequate arterial oxygenation. To establish the model, thirteen 100% oxygen treated animals and twelve PRN control animals were studied. Treatment with 100% oxygen results

10   in extensive lung injury manifested by days 9 or 10 of exposure and characterized by delayed alveolarization, lung parenchymal inflammation, and poor oxygenation. This is characteristic of the human disease, bronchopulmonary dysplasia and is thought to be mediated, at least in part, by oxidative stress on the developing neonatal lung. In a first trial of Mn TE-2-PyP, a neonatal baboon was delivered at

15   140 days gestation and placed in 100% oxygen. The animal received 0.5 mg/kg/24 hr Mn TE-2-PyP qd given i.v. in a continuous infusion over the entire 10 day study period. This animal showed marked improvement of the oxygenation index. There was no evidence of clinical decompensation of the lungs at days 9 and 10. Lung pathology demonstrated absence of inflammation and a marked decrease in the lung

20   injury found in the prior animals treated with 100% oxygen under identical

conditions. This suggests that Mn TE-2-PyP can be used to treat oxidant stress in the premature newborn.

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All documents cited above are hereby incorporated
5   in their entirety by reference. Appln. No. 60/064,116,
filed November 3, 1997, is also incorporated in its
entirety by reference.

One skilled in the art will appreciate from a
reading of this disclosure that various changes in form
10 and detail can be made without departing from the true
scope of the invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A compound of formula
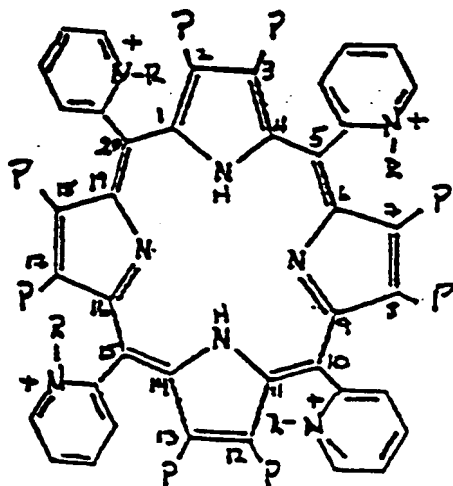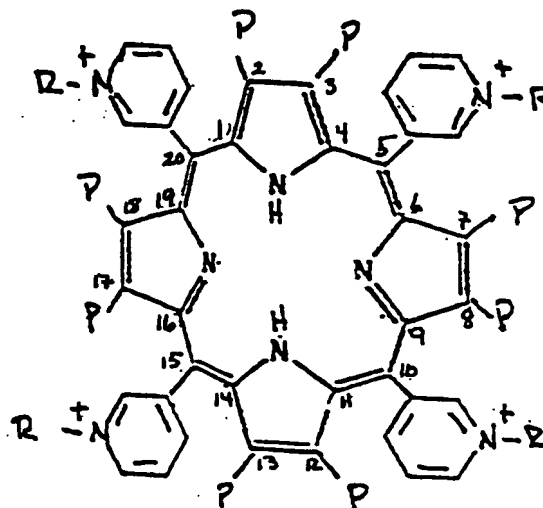
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or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
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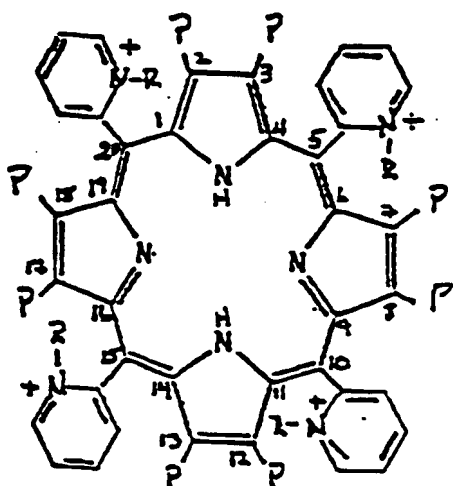   each R is, independently, a C_1-C_8 alkyl group,
     and

          each P is, independently, an electron
     withdrawing group or hydrogen,

     wherein when each R is methyl and each P is
hydrogen, said compound is complexed with a metal
selected from the group consisting of manganese, iron,
copper, cobalt, nickel or zinc.

2.   The compound according to claim 1 where each R is independently a C_1-C_4 alkyl group.

3.   The compound according to claim 2 wherein each R is, independently, a methyl, ethyl or isopropyl group.

4.   The compound according to claim 3 wherein each R is, independently, a methyl or an ethyl group.

5.   The compound according to claim 1 wherein each P is, independently, hydrogen or an electron withdrawing group selected from the group consisting of $-NO_2$, a halogen, a nitrile, a vinyl group and a formyl group.

6.   The compound according to claim 1 wherein at least one P is a halogen.

7.   The compound according to claim 1 wherein one or two P's are formyl groups and the remaining P's are hydrogen.

8.   The compound according to claim 1 wherein one P is a formyl group and the remaining P's are hydrogen.

9.   The compound according to claim 1 wherein one or two P's are $-NO_2$ and the remaining P's are hydrogen.

10. The compound according to any one of claims 1-

9 wherein said compound is complexed with a metal selected from the group consisting of manganese, iron, copper, cobalt, nickel or zinc.
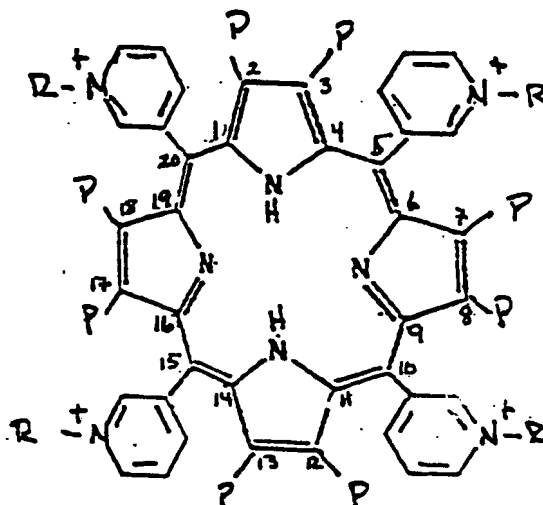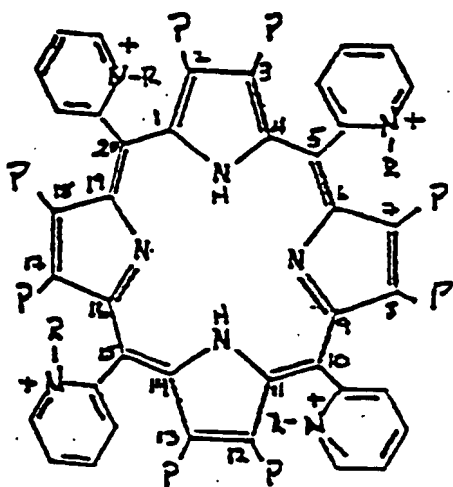
11.   The compound according to claim 10 wherein said compound is complexed with manganese.

12.   The compound according to claim 1 wherein each R is a methyl or ethyl group, each P is a hydrogen, and said compound is complexed with manganese.

13.   The compound according to claim 1 wherein each R is a methyl or ethyl group, at least one P is Br and the remaining P's are hydrogen and said compound is complexed with manganese.

14.   The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is a mixture of atropoisomers αααα, αααβ, ααββ and αβαβ.

15.   The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is a mixture of αααβ and αααα atropoisomers.

16. A method of protecting cells from oxidant-induced toxicity comprising contacting said cells with a protective amount of a compound of formula
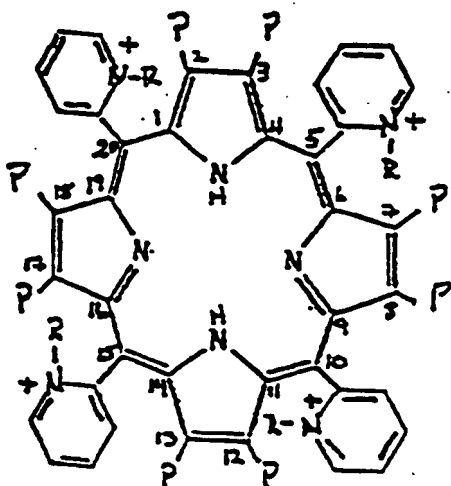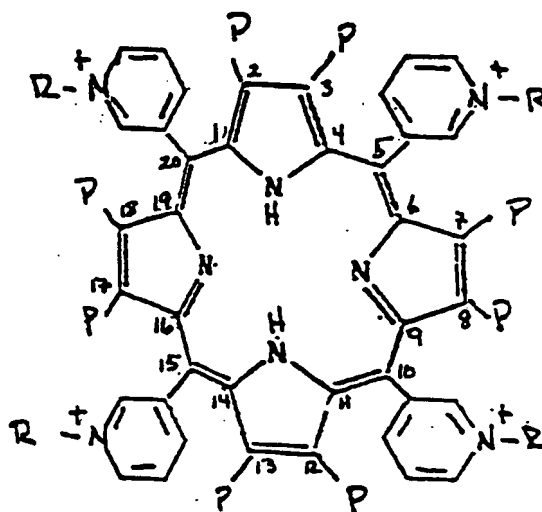
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or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
    wherein

        each R is, independently, a C_1-C_8 alkyl group,
    and

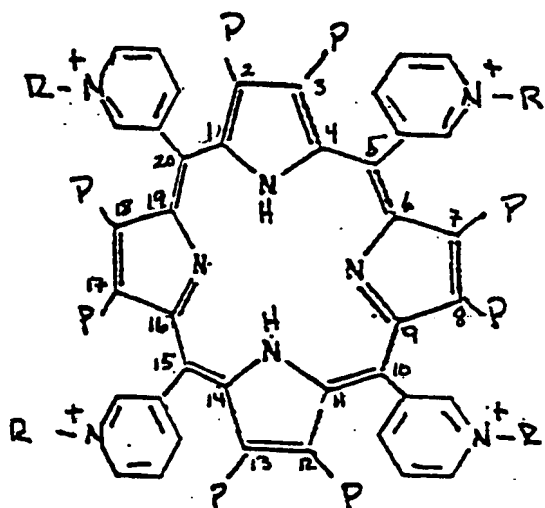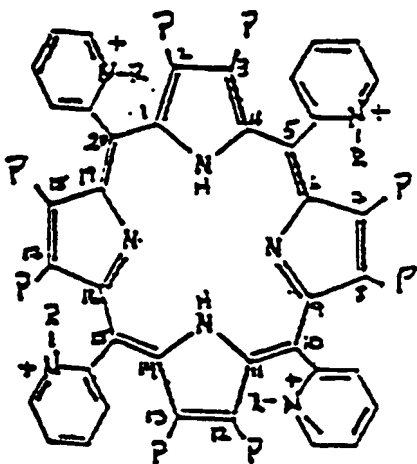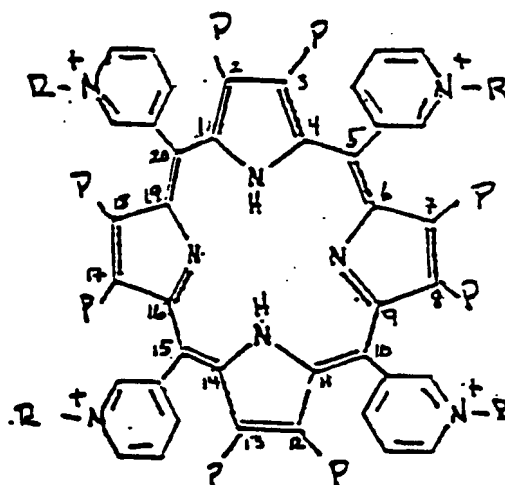   each P is, independently, an electron withdrawing group or hydrogen.

17. The method according to claim 16 wherein said compound is complexed with a metal selected from the group consisting of manganese, iron, copper, cobalt, nickel or zinc.

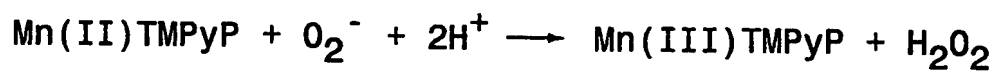18. The method according to claim 16 wherein said cells are mammalian cells.

19. A method of treating a pathological condition of a patient resulting from oxidant-induced toxicity comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound of formula

I   or   II,

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

    wherein

        each R is, independently, a C_1-C_8 alkyl group, and

        each P is, independently, an electron withdrawing group or hydrogen.

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20. The method according to claim 19 wherein said compound is complexed with a metal selected from the group consisting of manganese, iron, copper, cobalt, nickel or zinc.

21. A method of treating a pathological condition of a patient resulting from degradation of NO· or a biologically active form thereof, comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound of formula

I   or   II,

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
    wherein

        each R is, independently, a C_1-C_8 alkyl group,

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and

each P is, independently, an electron
withdrawing group or hydrogen.

22. The method according to claim 21 wherein said
compound is complexed with a metal selected from the
group consisting of manganese, iron, copper, cobalt,
nickel or zinc.

23. A method of treating a patient for
inflammatory lung disease comprising administering to
said patient an effective amount of a compound of
formula

I   or   II,

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

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wherein

        each R is, independently, a C_1-C_8 alkyl group,
    and

        each P is, independently, an electron
withdrawing group or hydrogen.

        24. The method according to claim 23 wherein said
compound is complexed with a metal selected from the
group consisting of manganese, iron, copper, cobalt,
nickel or zinc.

        25. The method according to claim 24 wherein said
metal is manganese.

        26. The method according to claim 23 wherein said
inflammatory lung disease is a hyper-reactive airway
disease.

        27. The method according to claim 23 wherein said
inflammatory lung disease is asthma.
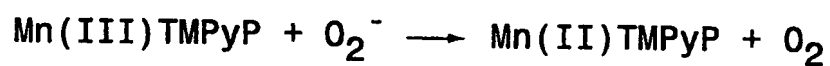
Fig. 1

MECHANISM

$$Mn(III)TMPyP + O_2^- \longrightarrow Mn(II)TMPyP + O_2$$

$$Mn(II)TMPyP + O_2^- + 2H^+ \longrightarrow Mn(III)TMPyP + H_2O_2$$

Fig. 2

Manganese *meso*-tetraKis — *N*-alkyl-pyridinium based porphyrins

1 = *para* compound

2 = *meta* compound

3 = *ortho* compound
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$R_2 = -CH_3$
$-CH_2-CH_3$
$-(CH_2)_3-CH_3$
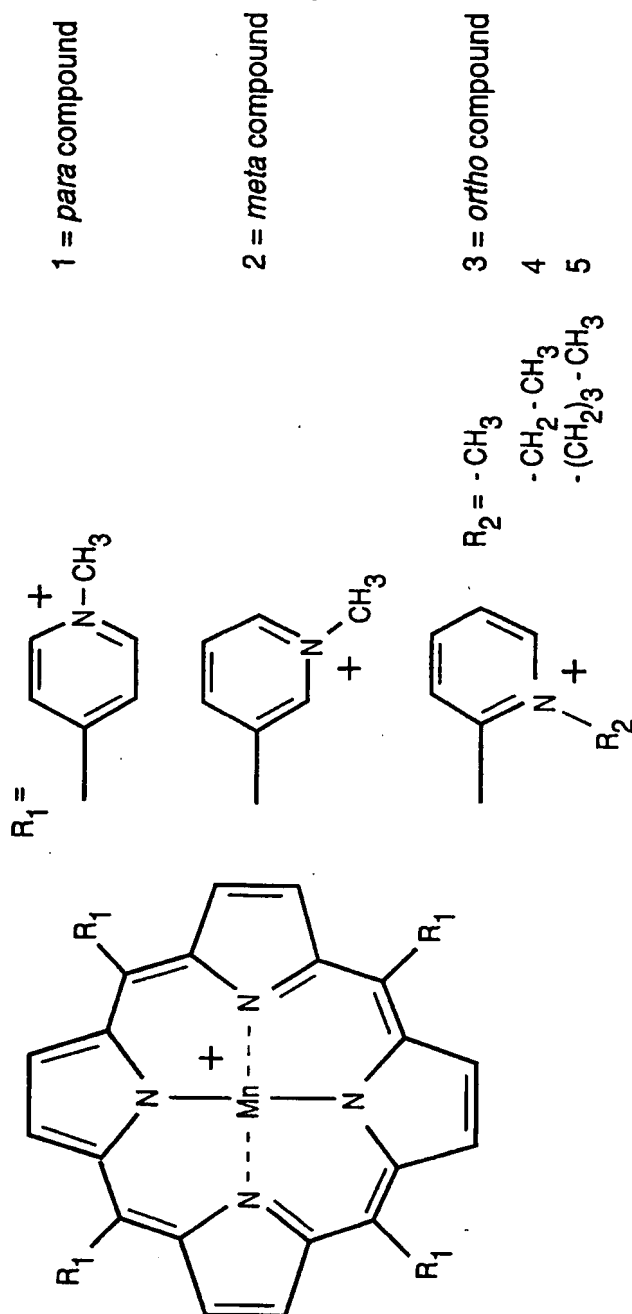
Fig. 3

SOD activity in *vivo (E. coli)* of 1, 2, 3* and 4* (25 µM) in minimal
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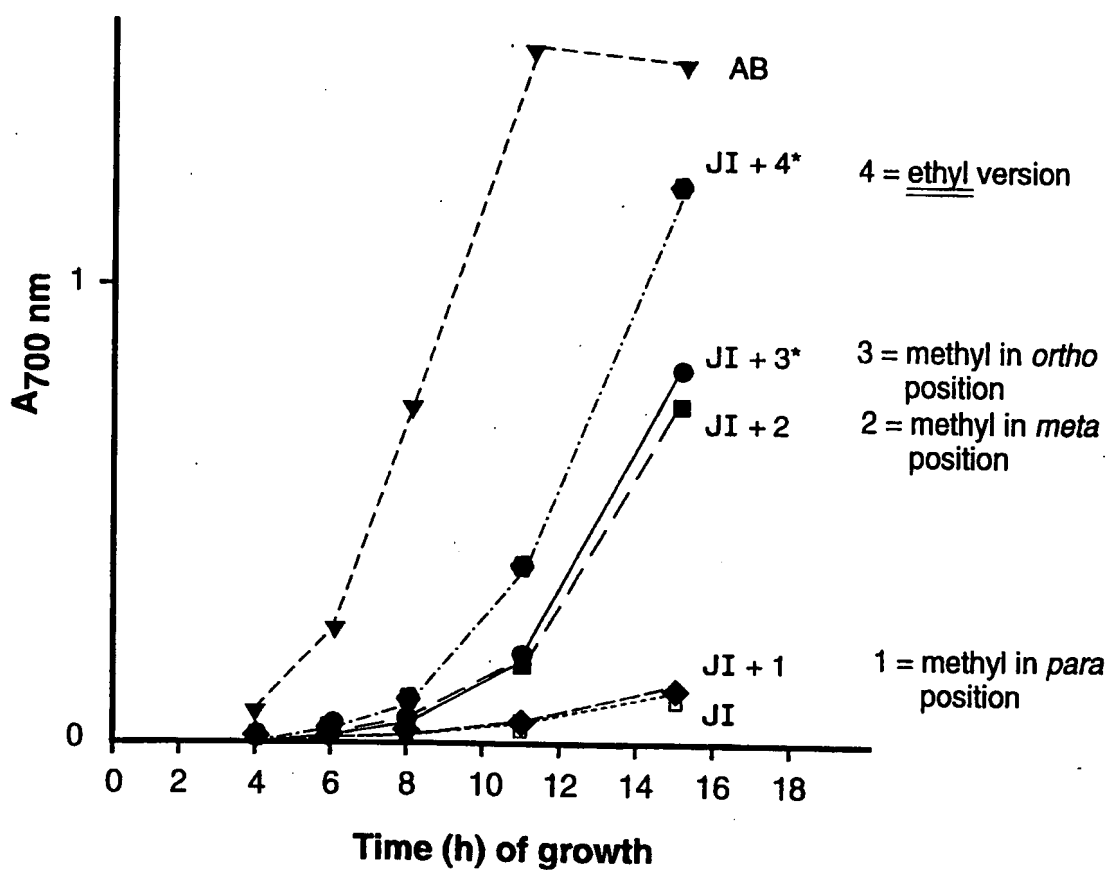
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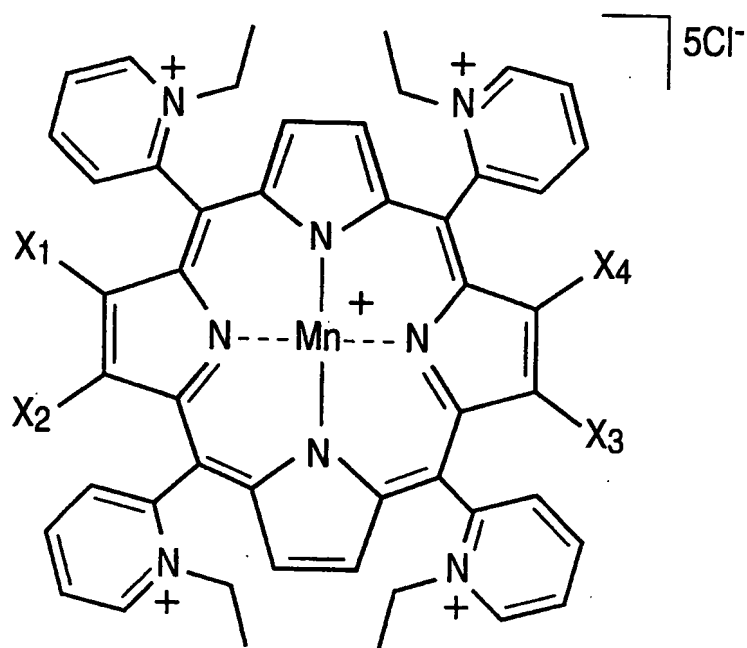
MnTE-2-PyP^{5+}	$X_1 = X_2 = X_3 = X_4 = H$
MnCl$_1$TE-2-PyP^{5+}	$X_1 = Cl$, $X_2 = X_3 = X_4 = H$
MnCl$_{2a}$TE-2-PyP^{5+}	$X_1 = X_2 = Cl$, $X_3 = X_4 = H$
MnCl$_3$TE-2-PyP^{5+}	$X_1 = X_2 = X_3 = Cl$, $X_4 = H$
MnCl$_4$TE-2-PyP^{5+}	$X_1 = X_2 = X_3 = X_4 = Cl$

Fig. 5

Fig. 6

Fig. 7A

	R_1	R_2	

$M = Mn^{+2/+3}, Co^{+2/+3}, Fe^{+2/+3}, or Zn^{+2}$
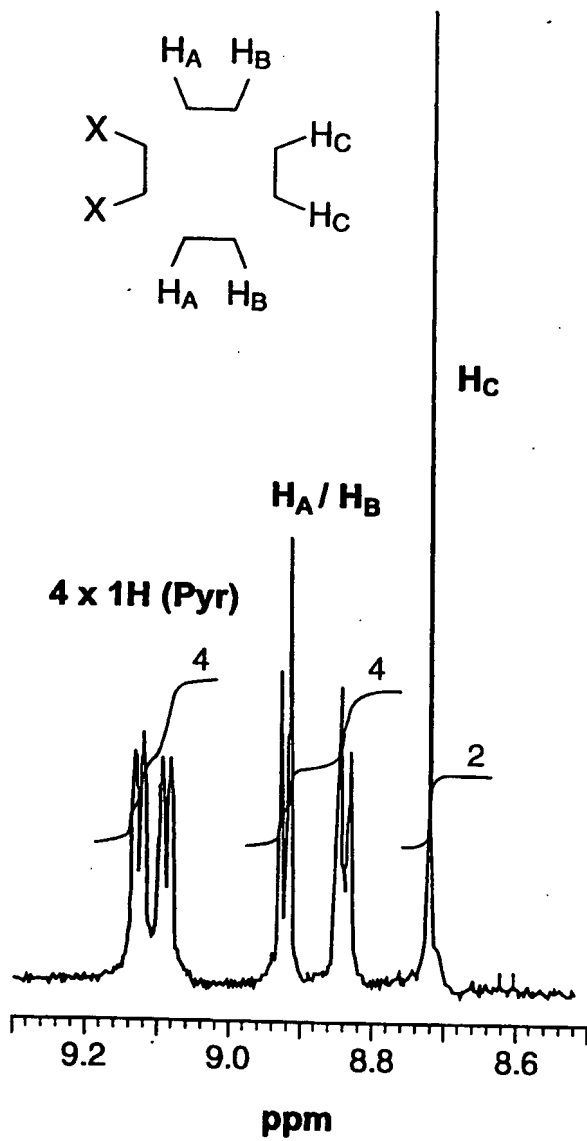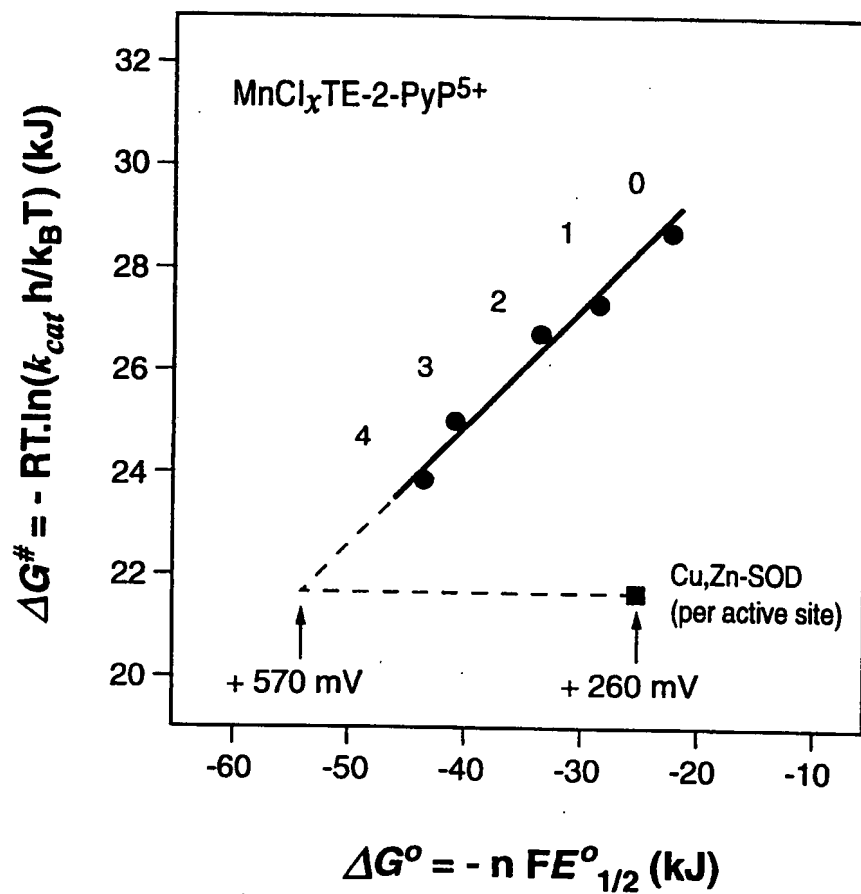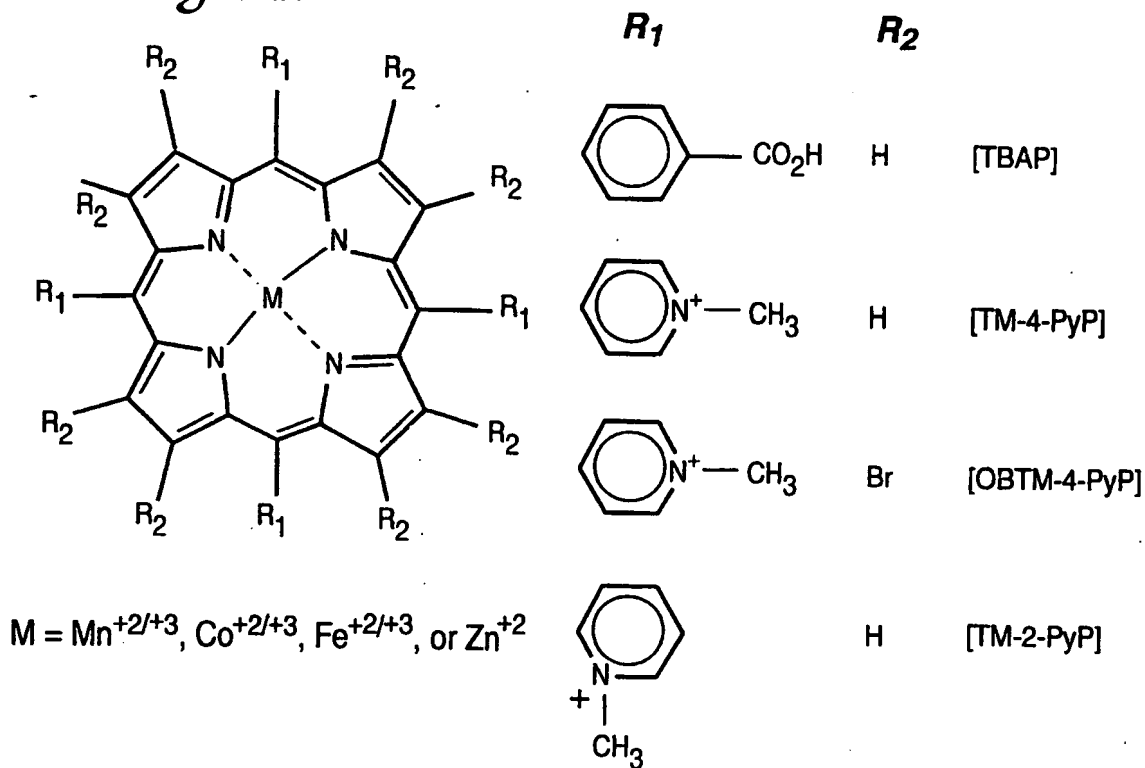
Metalloporphyrins

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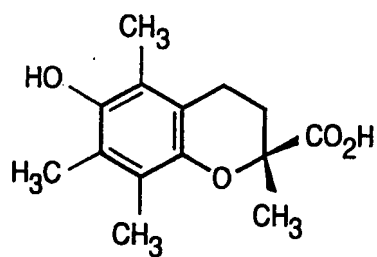
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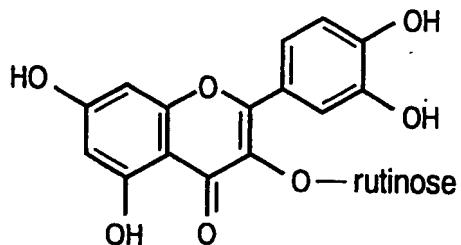
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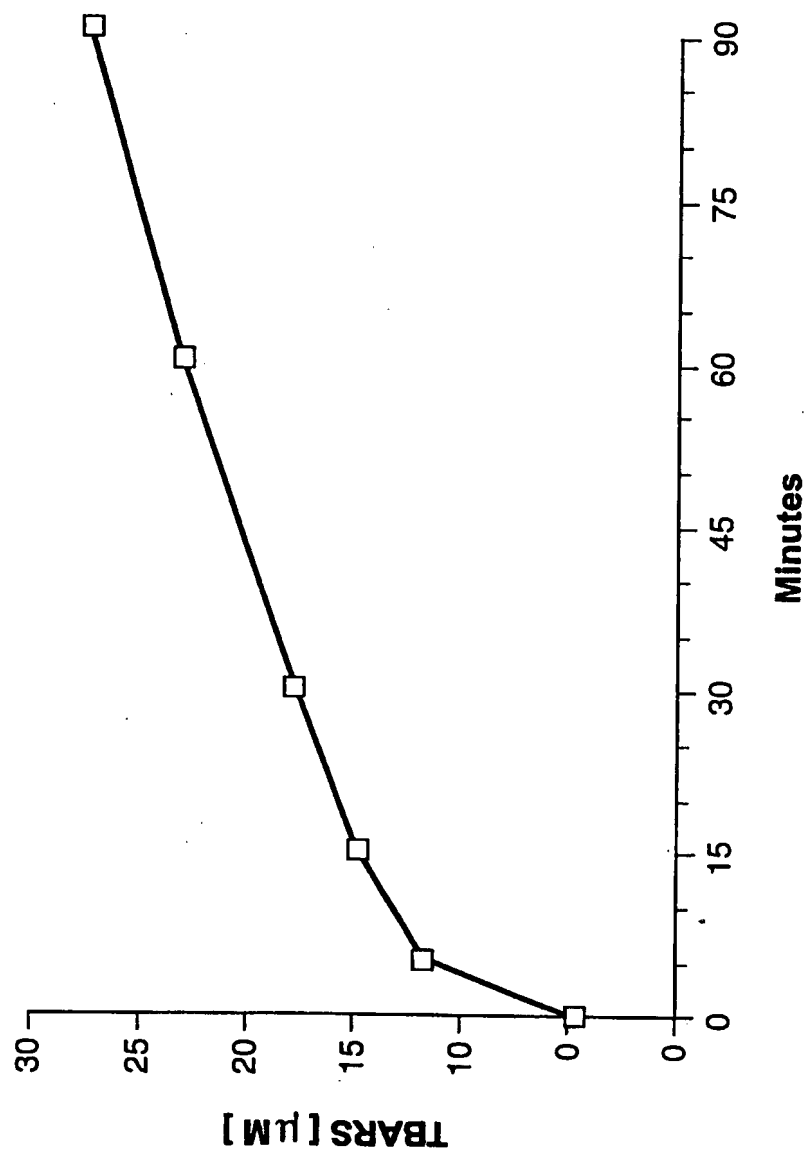
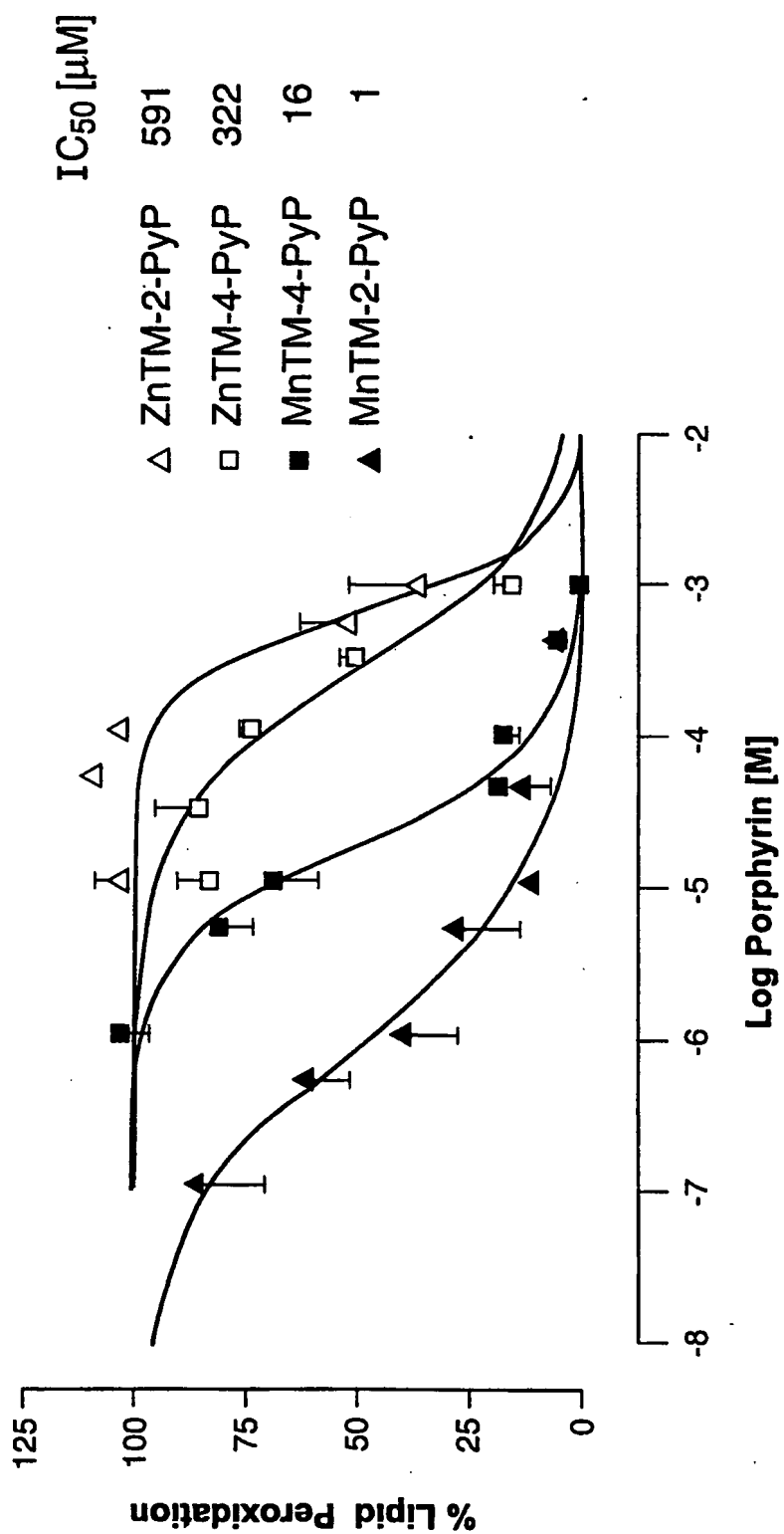*Fig. 8*
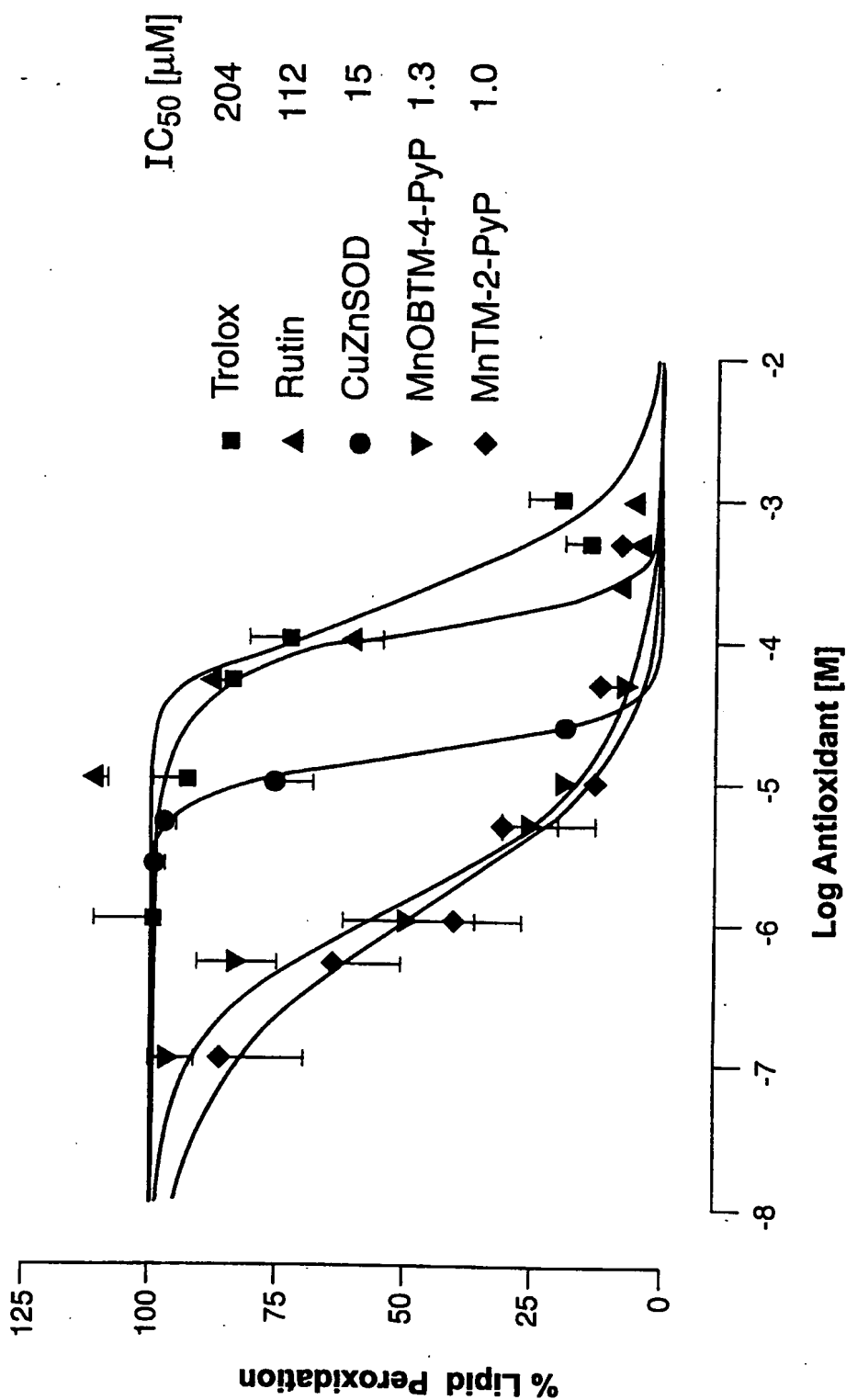
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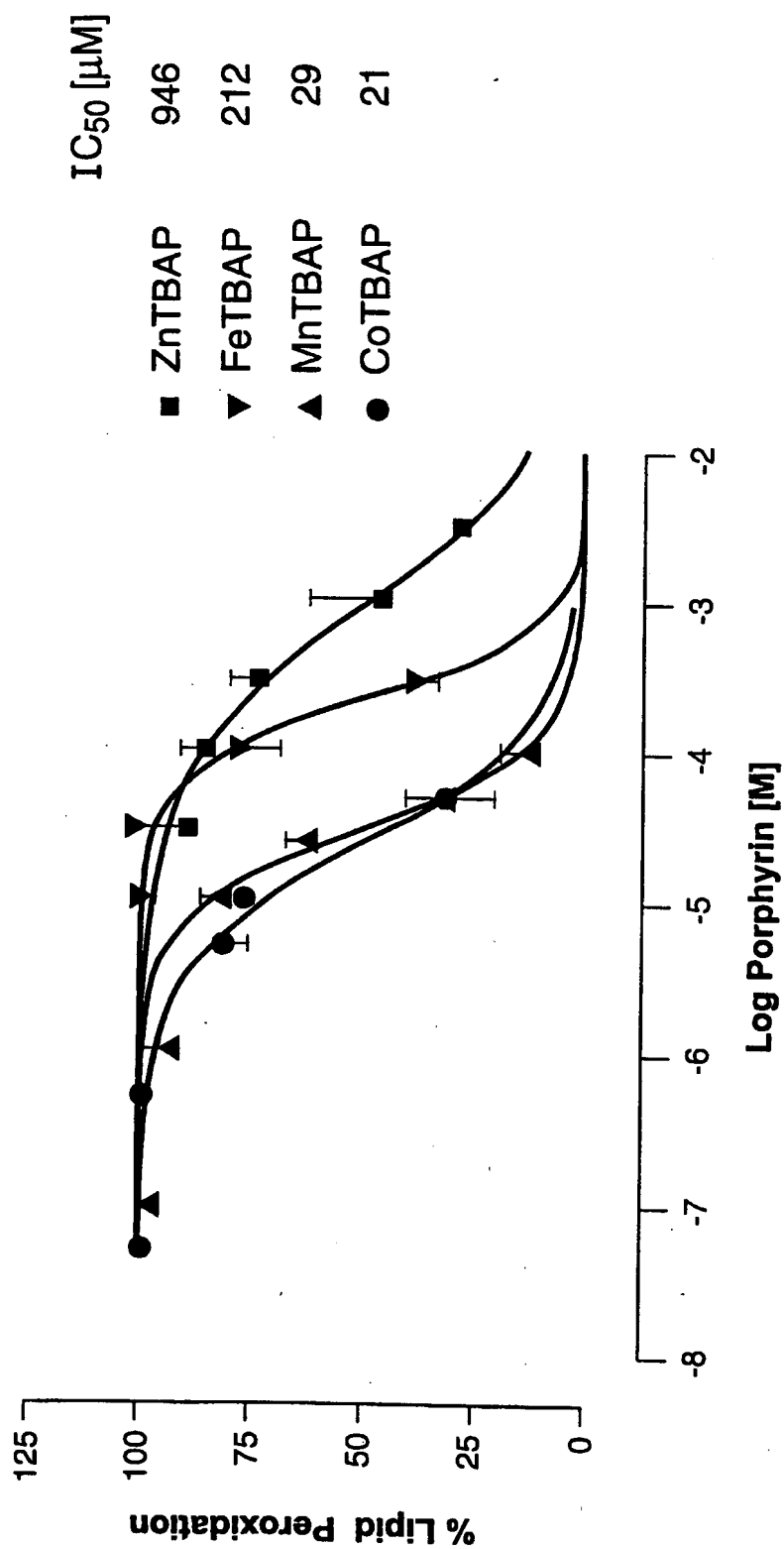
Fig. 10

Fig. 11

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